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## A Webster Exhibit

N celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Daniel Webster — he was born at Salisbury (now Franklin), New Hampshire, on the 18th of January, 1782 — an exhibition of his letters, manuscripts and the original pamphlet editions of his famous orations has been arranged in the Treasure Room of the Library. About twenty letters and as many books are shown. The most valuable item in the cases is a leather-bound volume containing the stenographic record of Webster's reply to General Hayne, together with the speech as written out by the stenographer, and with Webster's own manuscript of the speech as he prepared it for the printing press. There is another item of great interest on view: the beautiful large silver vase, with the inscription "To the Defender of the Constitution." which the citizens of Boston presented to Webster in 1835. Indeed, this vase is always on exhibit; placed on the mantel over the fire-place, it is one of the furnishings of the Treasure Room.

The earliest piece in the exhibit is a note by Webster to Noah Emory, ordering "three dozens Blank Writs." It was written on December 14, 1805. at Boscawen, N. H., where the young lawyer, twenty-three years old and recently admitted to the bar, settled down as a country lawyer. "I shall probably put off my character of a rover and fix my feet for a season," he wrote a few months before to a friend, adding: "Having been for the winter

a wandering comet, in the spring I become a falling star, and shall drop from the firmament of Boston gayety and pleasure to the level of a rustic village — of silence and obscurity." The melancholy prophecy, as every one knows by now, was not to be fulfilled. After two years' practice at Boscawen, Webster removed to Portsmouth, then one of the leading commercial cities of New England. But even before that, he had made his bid for fame. On the 4th of July 1806 he was orator at Concord, N. H., and his address (printed by George Hough in the town) already revealed the cast of his mind and the sources of his rhetorical powers. At Portsmouth he had a larger field, both as a lawyer and as a politician. And he rapidly rose to prominence. He was successful at the bar and published at least one pamphlet, on the question of the Embargo.

His public career, however, really began only in 1812, with his Fourth of July address, made before the "Washington Benevolent Society" at Portsmouth. This speech had more in it than mere youthful generalizations. The orator took a firm stand against the War with England which was then just declared. "We believe," he protested, "that this War is not the result of impartial policy. If there be cause of War against England, there is still more abundant cause of War against France..." The prospect of the French alliance especially horrified him. "There is no common character, nor can there be a common interest, between the Protestants, the Dissenters, the Puritans of New England, and the Papists, the Infidels, the Atheists of France; or between our free, Republican institutions and the most merciless Tyranny that ever Heaven suffered to inflict on mankind." The speech had its effect. The next year Webster, a leader of the opposition in his State, was elected a member of the House of Representatives.

He took his seat in Congress in May 1813, and immediately began his attack on the Administration for the conduct of the War. That winter, while he was on his way to Washington, a grave misfortune befell him. On December 22 a great fire swept over a large part of Portsmouth and his house, with many others, burned down. Only a short time before he had paid six thousand dollars for the house, and in addition his furniture and library were also lost. But his wife reassured him in a cheerful letter and the young politician consoled himself that "nothing was lost, but house and property." Webster's reaction to the calamity is well reflected in a letter which, a month later, he sent to Edward Cutts, Jr. "I had hoped to hear from you before now," he wrote, "but I suppose you find yourself busy, in the present state of things in Portsmouth, among the ashes of so many habitations. If you have so far, however, got the fire out of your mind, as to have leisure to think of other things, I should be very glad of letters from you. I have meditated on my own life, as long as meditation is useful, and I now intend to make the best of my condition. My wife and children, as I understand, have left Town. How or where I shall find a home next spring, I know not - probably every roof is occupied in Portsmouth. If I could get a comfortable home in Greenland, I think I should take it." And then this paragraph: "Before I finish this, I wish to state one circumstance to you. A few days ago, I had a letter from Portsmouth from a mere common acquaintance, saying that a contribution was making or made in Boston, for me, individually. I know not the origin of the report, or the writer's authority. It is, however, as far as I know, wholly destitute of truth - I have no knowledge that any such thing is contemplated — and if it were, I should act, as I think every other man would, in like circumstances. I mention this, to the end, that if any such report is prevalent among you, you may stifle it. For I presume, if it had any foundation in truth, I should have heard of it, before now."

This letter, which is in the Library, and apparently has never been published, contains also some political news: "The papers give you all we do here," Webster wrote. "The general opinion is not so favorable to Peace as it was a week ago. There is a strong party, who will oppose Peace until Canada is conquered, and the appointment of Clay and Russel is not thought a good omen. It is possible, perhaps probable, that Mr. Bayard is now on his way home. This is said to be the reason, why four Commissioners were named. If this should turn out so, then Clay and Russel will be a Majority of the American Commissioners." Politics at home naturally interested him: "The Army Bills are very much debated in both Houses. A great deal of discussion of the War, as you will see, has been had. The debate still continues. What is the state of public opinion in New Hampshire and what the prospect of the ensuing Election? Can any thing useful be done here? Let us hear from you on these points."

Webster himself contributed a large share to the debate on the Army Bills. His first great parliamentary speech, delivered on 14 January 1814, was on the subject of Encouraging Enlistments. "Utterly astonished at the declaration of War," he said among other things, "I have been surprised at nothing since." He pointed out the futility of the projects for the conquest of Canada, and requested measures for the protection of the country's commercial interests. The speech is preserved in an old newspaper in the Library.

There are also several letters dating from this period. The most substantial among them, one that has not been published before, was written to Daniel Gookin, on December 28, 1814. It is about the War. "The evil you mention of the scarcity of seamen is felt, I believe," Webster wrote, "in every port of the United States. At Baltimore, I learn, that seamen's wages are as high as forty dollars a month; at Norfolk, fifty." The main reason for this was that during the War many sailors had fallen into captivity. "The British have not to my knowledge," the information goes on, "refused to exchange seamen for seamen; but it is understood they will not exchange seamen for landsmen. Indeed, the balance of prisoners is greatly in their favor, so that they have no occasion to exchange seamen unless they choose." And further: "The Lake service has drawn away many seamen; not less than thirty-six hundred have been employed at one time on Lake Ontario." There had been plans to improve upon the situation: "The present law allows a bounty of one hundred dollars for every British seaman brought in as a prisoner in a private armed ship. This bounty has not been found to produce much effect; some conversation has been had relative to increase of this bounty, but what steps will be taken I do not yet know." And finally, there is this bit of war news: "We have a rumor here that a British force is off the mouth of the Mississippi; destined against New Orleans." The report, one may add, was true. As a matter of fact, at the time of writing, it was already past history. The battle in the swamps of the Mississippi before New Orleans was fought on the night of the 23rd of December and in it the troops of General Jackson repelled the British.

But it is not the purpose of this article to review the whole of Webster's long career. Only a few events are mentioned here, and only in connection with the items in the exhibit.

The Plymouth discourse, delivered on 22 December 1820 in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of New England, was printed only a year later. The news of the oration, however, from the report of the newspapers, rapidly spread, and those who were present had the impression that they heard one of the great speeches of history. "He seemed as if he were like the mount that might not be touched and that burned with fire," George Ticknor wrote with boundless enthusiasm to a friend. The end of the oration, that beautiful apotheosis of future generations, must have had a peculiar fascination for the hearers. With the Plymouth discourse is ranked, though it is much smaller in scope, the speech on the laying of the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill Monument. On the fiftieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Revolution, Webster pleaded for unity: "Let our object be: our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country."

But Webster's great plea for the Union was his speech known as the Reply to Hayne. This address, made in the Senate on 26 and 27 January 1830, was the most influential interpretation of the Constitution during the whole period. "Its keynote "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable" became the creed of the North, molding and clarifying sentiment. The manuscript of the speech, largely in Webster's handwriting, is one of the treasured possessions of the Library.

The circumstances which gave occasion for the address are little known to-day to the general public. Even the name of General Hayne has been forgotten in the North. The ostensible cause of the debate was the question of restricting the sales of public lands in the West. Senator Foote of Connecticut introduced a resolution, the purpose of which was to limit the sales for a while. Senator Benton of Missouri opposed the resolution, and accused the East of hating the West. General Hayne, of South Carolina, continued the attack in even more vehement terms. The New England States, he charged, try to retard the growth of the Western States in order to keep their population from emigrating there — a design that has been originated by the policy of the tariff. At the same time he emphasized that there existed a natural sympathy between the Southern and Western States. After a brief reply by Webster, he made a second speech in vindication of the doctrine of Nullification. The question of public lands was at once forgotten and the interest was centered on the real issue behind the scenes.

The doctrine of Nullification was first formulated by the legislature of South Carolina in December 1828. It was the adoption of the tariff that moved that Southern State to an "Exposition and Protest," affirming that "the sovereignty of the States clearly implies a veto or control on the action of the general government, on contested points of authority." In other words, according to the legislators of South Carolina, a State had a right to determine for its citizens whether they were to obey an act of Congress or not. In support of the idea they quoted the famous Virginia and Kentucky resolutions of 1798, which asserted the right and duty of the States to oppose the Federal Government in case of deliberate, palpable, and dangerous" exercise of power.

The first half of Webster's reply was a defence of New England. In the matter of public lands he demanded that they "should be sold at low prices for the accommodation of settlers, keeping the objects of settling the lands as much in view as that of raising money from them." As to the tariff, he stoutly asserted that "with large investments in manufacturing establishments, it is not to be expected that New England, any more than other portions of the country, will consent to any measure, destructive or highly dangerous." He made a definite statement about the question of slavery, too. Protesting against the "false imputations," against the "gross and enormous injustice" of the accusation that the influence of the Northern leaders would endanger the relation of master and slave, he solemnly declared: "The domestic slavery of the South I leave where I find it — in the hands of their own Governments. It is their affair, not mine . . ."

The most important part of the speech, however, is the one dealing with the doctrine of Nullification. Even the pledge on slavery was only leading up to this. Webster stated his position with the utmost clarity: "The great question is," he said, "whose prerogative is it to decide on the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of the laws. On that the main debate hinges. proposition, that, in case of a supposed violation of the Constitution by Congress, the States have a constitutional right to interfere and annul the law of Congress, is the proposition of the gentleman: I do not admit it. If the gentleman had intended no more than to assert the right of revolution, for justifiable cause, he would have said only what all agree to. But I cannot conceive that there can be a middle course between submission to the laws, when regularly pronounced constitutional, on the one hand, and open resistance, which is revolution or rebellion, on the other . . ." He emphasized that Congress derived its authority from the same source as the legislatures of the States, and therefore, "they are all agents of the same supreme power, the people." The address ended with that grand peroration: "When my eyes shall be turned to behold, for the last time, the sun in Heaven, may I not see him shining on the broken and dishonored fragments of a once glorious Union; on States dissevered, discordant, belligerent; on a land rent with civil feuds, or drenched, it may be, in fraternal blood! Let their last feeble and lingering glance, rather behold the gorgeous Ensign of the Republic, now known and honored throughout the earth . . ." One sentence rolling after the other, up to the magnificent climax.

In the stenographic version, one must admit, the passage is less stately. Before printing it, Webster considerably rewrote his address. A close comparison of the stenographic record with the final text — the first taken by Joseph Gales, editor of the "National Intelligencer," and the other written from the record by Webster himself — would be highly interesting for the student of rhetoric. It would show the processes by which this greatest effort of the great American orator assumed its final shape. The introduction of the speech, up to the reference to "Banquo's Ghost," seems especially enlarged and rewritten. And there are many changes, erasures and insertions, in Webster's manuscript itself.

It should be noted, however, that the manuscript is not complete. It covers the first twenty-four and the last twenty-eight pages of the pamphlet which, in all, consists of eighty-five pages. The portion covering thirty-three pages in the middle of the oration is missing. It was lost, obviously, in the printing office of Gales & Seaton, or was given away by Webster himself. The manuscript, as it is, was acquired from Gales's widow in 1877 by Robert C. Winthrop, in the name of twenty-three subscribers, who contributed twenty-five dollars each toward the purchase. It was presented by them to the Boston Public Library "to be preserved forever in its archives."

Both at the beginning and end of his speech Webster made it known that he spoke extemporaneously. The Library owns a letter of his (also unpublished) which confirms the same fact. "I thank you for your kind letter of the 27 April," he wrote to William Plumer, Jr., three months after the debate. "If my speech has done, or shall do, the slightest good, I shall be sufficiently gratified. It was, in the strictest sense, unexpected and occasional; yet I am willing to confess, that having the occasion thus forced upon me, I did the best I could, under its pressure. The subject and the times have given it a degree of circulation, to which its own merits could not have entitled it. Connected with this subject, one good thing — excellent and most important - will ere long be made known. At present, it is locked up in confidence. All I can say is, and I would not have that repeated, except perhaps to your father, that the world will one day - perhaps not a distant one - know Mr. Madison's sentiments on these constitutional questions, fully and precisely; together with his understanding of the Virginia Resolutions of 1797-8. It will be an important paper . . ."

The reverberations of the debate lasted long. More than five years later the citizens of Boston presented Webster with a silver vase in appreciation of his public services, and "more especially for his defence of the Constitution during the crisis of Nullification." At the presentation ceremonies, held in the presence of three or four thousand people, the statesman protested against the inscription "To the Defender of the Constitution" as a title too high for him. "It is enough for me, Gentlemen," he said, "to be connected, in the most humble manner, with the defence and maintenance of this great wonder of modern times, and this certain wonder of all future times. It is enough for me to stand in the ranks, and only to be counted as one of its defenders . . ." In his Will, made in the following year, he arranged that his son Daniel Fletcher should inherit the gift. In 1865 thirty-nine citizens of Boston acquired the vase from Webster's grandson, and presented it to the City of Boston, with the request that it should be kept in the Public Library.

Among the letters on view two are especially important. Both were sent to Theophilus Parsons, the founder and editor of the "United States Free Press." One of them is on the causes of the American Revolution, and was written in January 1840, a few days after Webster's return from his visit to England; the other was written a year later, while Webster was Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Harrison, and deals with the settlement of the Northeastern boundary. These letters were published in the collective edition of The Writings and Speeches of Daniel Webster.

A copy of Webster's last great speech, commonly known as "The Seventh of March Speech," is bound to arrest the eye in the exhibit. What an excitement this speech once created! It turned his most devoted admirers into ran-

corous enemies. Webster, the idol, was decried as a traitor, and even the gentle Whittier saw in him the personification of Ichabod. It is true that in March 1845 Congress adopted a resolution, according to which "such States as may be formed out of that portion of the territory of Texas lying south of thirtysix degrees thirty minutes, north latitude, commonly known as the Missouri compromise line, shall be admitted into the Union, with or without slavery, as the people of each State asking admission may desire," and Webster merely stated in 1850 that, so far as Texas was concerned, "there is no land, not an acre, the character of which is not established by law, a law which cannot be repealed without the violation of a contract . . ." Nevertheless, he was accused of betraying his principles. Unquestionably, the meaning of Webster's speech was that he acquiesced now to the extension of slavery into Texas and the four new States — and his former friends had good reason to read to his face the statement which two years before he made on the same spot of the Senate: "My opposition to the increase in slavery in this country, or to the increase of slave representation in Congress, is general and universal. It has no reference to lines of latitude or the points of the compass. I shall oppose all such extension, and all such increase, in all things, under all circumstances, against all compromises . . ."

The inconsistency was flagrant, and a number of embittered people thought that his aspirations to the Presidency influenced Webster in accepting the compromise. The present generation, however, is inclined to judge his attitude more justly. There is every reason to believe that Webster was genuinely frightened by the perils of secession. Only a few days before, Calhoun openly challenged the North in a violent speech: ". . . If you are unwilling we should part in peace, tell us so, and we shall know what to do, when you reduce the question to submission or resistance." The dismemberment of the country, the spectre of the Civil War, was constantly in Webster's mind while he spoke, and subsequent events certainly have justified him. And it cannot be doubted that by helping to forestall the Civil War for ten years he rendered an invaluable service to the Union.

A copy of "The Hülsemann Letter," Webster's dispatch to the Austrian chargé d'affaires at Washington, reminds one of the last most important act of his career — his intervention in the interest of Louis Kossuth and other Hungarian refugees. Secretary of State for the second time, now under President Fillmore, Webster obtained release for the refugees from the Turkish exile. Kossuth and his associates were brought to America by the American frigate "Mississippi" and were received here with the most enthusiastic welcome. On January 7, 1852, a Congressional banquet was given in honor of the Hungarian leader, attended by nearly three hundred Senators and Congressmen. Kossuth in his speech declared that "as Cyneas stood among the Senators of Rome, which controlled the world, thus full of reverence and admiration. he stood among the legislators of the new Capitol, whither the spirit of the old Capitol had fled . . ." The other chief address of the occasion was made by Webster. In view of his official position, he wanted to be cautious. But even so, once upon his feet, he was swept away by his emotions. He hoped, he said, that American sympathy would exert a mighty influence in Europe. "Let it go then, borne on all the wings of Heaven. The public opinion of an

intelligent and free nation was strong enough to shake the most powerful throne on earth . . ." There were tremendous cheers and military music. The banquet lasted until midnight. Those present must have known that they were enjoying a rare delight — hearing in one evening Webster and Kossuth, the two greatest orators of the century.

There is also a fine Daguerreotype picture of Webster in the exhibit, taken when he was about sixty years old. One may remember Carlyle's description of the man, as he saw him and as only he would describe him: "The tanned complexion; that amorphous crag-like face; the dull black eyes under the precipice of brows, like dull anthracite furnaces needing only to be blown; the mastiff mouth, accurately closed; I have not traced so much of silent Berserkir rage that I remember of, in any other man . . ."

And finally there is the manuscript of the Eulogy on Daniel Webster delivered by Rufus Choate on July 27, 1853, at Dartmouth College. In the accompanying printed pamphlet the text runs to one hundred pages. Surely, the writing is as individual as any that one may see anywhere. How the printer was able to read it, is a marvel. Choate himself was an eloquent orator. In his address — one may note the curiosity — there is a sentence that consists of one-thousand-two-hundred-and-eighty-three words, being the longest sentence in any recorded speech.

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Printed with roman type, in small quarto form. It has 21 leaves, 33 lines to the full page. The size of a leaf is  $197 \times 128$  mm., and the text measures

 $160 \times 88$  mm. On the first leaf there is a woodcut, showing a group of young widows received at the door of a convent by the prior and a monk.

It was in 1482 that Fra Girolamo Savonarola first went to Florence as an inmate of the convent of San Marco. A native of Ferrara, where he studied medicine for a few years, he spent six years in the Dominican monastery at Bologna before he was transferred to Florence. He was then thirty years old.

The small, unprepossessing friar, with his excited gestures and harsh pronunciation, made little impression at first in the city of Lorenzo de' Medici. The Florentines were cultured, refined, and sceptical. For several generations Florence had been the home of the greatest artists whom the world had known since the golden age of Athens. People who had been accustomed to see daily the works of Donatello and Ghiberti, Brunellesco and Michelozzo, Verrochio and Pollajuolo, those of Botticelli, Ghirlandajo, Perugino, and many other painters, sculptors, architects, could not have helped acquiring a sure aesthetic sense, the desire for a certain standard of beauty. And the new birth of the arts was naturally followed by the revival of science and philosophy. Lorenzo, who himself wrote some creditable poetry, was surrounded by a group of eminent humanists — by men like Marsilio Ficino, Angelo Poliziano and Pico della Mirandola — for whom he founded the Platonic Academy. In such a surrounding the austere Ferrarese friar was out of his element. At his sermons in the Church of San Lorenzo, where he preached in 1483, there were never more than a few dozen persons present.

However, Savonarola kept on preaching. The indifference of the people served rather to reassure him in the faith of his divine mission. His favorite theme was the book of Revelation, and he saw parallels between the fate of the Hebrews and that of the Florentines. With especial vehemence he thundered forth against the corruption of the Papal court. To the virtues of Sixtus IV as a great patron of the arts the Dominican friar remained altogether blind. He probably did not even know — and if he knew, looked upon it as especially sinful — that the Pope had just then begun the decorations of the Sistine chapel.

In San Geminiano, that lovely town not far from Siena, the young Dominican met with much greater success. The good folk shivered as he spoke of his visions. His prophecies struck terror. And he found at last his message: "The Church will be scourged, then regenerated, and this quickly," was the burden of all his sermons. From San Geminiano he went to various Lombard cities, staying for some time at Brescia. His oratorical powers were steadily increasing, and people were flocking everywhere to hear him. At Reggio, where he attended a chapter of his Order, his eloquence attracted considerable attention among the learned. Pico della Mirandola happened to be present, and this generous youth became at once his enthusiastic admirer.

At Pico's urgent recommendation, Lorenzo de' Medici, anxious to surround himself with all sorts of talent, invited Savonarola back to Florence. So in 1490 the friar returned to St. Mark's. In the first few months his preaching was restricted to the novices of the convent, but the curiosity of the public was now aroused and the convent garden was usually filled with visitors. As before, Savonarola took most of his themes from the Book of Revelation, and he spoke in his customary fierce and prophetic tone. His success was as tremendous as was his failure years ago — and for identical reasons. This violent, fanatical Christian preacher offered a complete contrast to the urbane and sceptical Platonists.

Lorenzo de' Medici soon found out that he had made a mistake when he listened to the advice of Pico della Mirandola. The friar of St. Mark's was too much in earnest to be sensible about the requirements of his position. When he denounced the sins of the world, he had not only the Papal court in mind, but also that of the Medici. Naturally, Lorenzo was annoyed and he made no secret of it. Savonarola's popularity, however, was rapidly rising. In Lent of 1491 he preached in the Duomo, the Santa Maria del Fiore, and the immense cathedral was not large enough to hold the crowd. Lorenzo tried reconciliatory measures. He sent some friends to the friar, asking him to moderate his language. But Savonarola was intractable. In July he was elected Prior of St. Mark's, which gave him an even greater sense of independence.

About this time, in 1491 and 1492, Savonarola published several treatises. one of which was the Libro dello vita viduale, the book described here. A Widow's life is full of practical advice. "Widows," the friar thought, "are like children, under the special protection of the Lord. The true life for them is to give up all worldly thoughts and devote themselves to the service of God." He quotes, repeatedly, from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians and to Timothy, and holds up for emulation the example of St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin Mary. This latter reference, however, is not clear, for according to legend Anne had, at divine inspiration, twice married after the death of Joachim. But Savonarola's views on the subject were not unreasonable. He believed that "if on account of the education of children, or through poverty, or inability to resist the temptations of the flesh, the widow desires to marry again, she should do so by all means . . . Let the widow who is not inclined to maintain a strict decorum, or has any difficulty in observing the reserve that is becoming her position, rather return to the dignified position of a married woman." There are other wise words of counsel: "A widow ought to dress

in sober attire, to live retired, to avoid the society of men, to be a personification of gravity, and even to maintain such severity of demeanor that no one may dare to utter before her an offensive word or show by a smile the least want of respect." Here is another pungent sentence: "It is unbecoming for a widow to pry into the lives and failings of other persons; it is unbecoming for her to be, or even to appear to be, vain; nor ought she, for the sake of others, to forget what is due to herself."

This edition of the Libro della vita viduale is undated and the printer's name is not given. Robert Proctor, however, identified the type as one used by Bartolommeo di Libri at Florence. Also another undated edition of the tract was published shortly afterwards, probably by the same printer. Francesco Buonaccorsi printed two editions of the work in 1491, and Lorenzo Morgiani printed one in 1496.

Bought in February, 1866.

#### FRANCESCO BUONACCORSI

SAVONAROLA, HIERONYMUS. Compendio di Revelatione.
18 August, 1495.

Hain 14,334.

Printed with roman type, in small quarto form. It has 54 leaves, 34 lines to a page. The size of a leaf is  $189 \times$  initials.

Even at the beginning of his career Savonarola was subject to visions and hallucinations. When in the pulpit, he often worked himself up to such a pitch of excitement that for moments he completely lost control of himself. Then the visions appeared and he heard voices. With the energy and purposefulness of his nature, it was unavoidable that he should interpret them as manifestations of his divine mission. Without hesitation, he considered himself a prophet.

The short reign of Piero de' Medici, who succeeded his father in 1492, was a series of political blunders and civic mismanagements. In spite of the traditional friendship of Florence toward France, he made alliance with the King of Naples whose crown was claimed by the French monarch. Savonarola, who hitherto had held himself aloof from politics, came more and more into the foreground. The Florentines, who detested Piero, looked toward him for guidance. After a temporary removal from St. Mark's, which may have been due to Piero's influence, he was allowed to return to the convent, and was even exempted from the authority of the Lombard vicars.

Savonarola's sermons were abounding now with definite prophecies. He foretold the death of the Pope, the downfall of the Medici, and the invasion of Italy by the French. All three predictions were fulfilled in 1494. Pope Innocent VIII, the successor of Sixtus IV, died; Piero, who after plotting with the King of Naples slipped away to the camp of the French King to beg for peace, voluntarily surrendering the cities of Pisa and Leghorn, was deposed by the revolution which broke out in Florence at the news of his per-

fidy; and finally, in September of the same year, Charles VIII triumphantly entered Florence.

Savonarola, who in defiance of the Pope and the King of Naples stood for the alliance with France, and for whom the French king had great respect, was now the man of the hour. After long negotiations, which for some time threatened to break down, so that bloodshed seemed unavoidable, Charles VIII, "Protector and Restorer of the liberty of Florence," left with his troops. The Florentines declared for a republic and Savonarola became its supreme law-giver. At his initiative a new constitution was adopted which vested the government in the great council, Consiglio Maggiore, of 3200 members.

A complete change came upon Florence. The prior of St. Mark's made a real Puritan commonwealth of the gay, pleasure-loving city. People renounced all worldliness, dressed with utter simplicity, kept all the fasts, and sang hymns on the streets. Often husband and wife separated in order to enter convents. The churches were filled with the devout, and Savonarola's sermons were frequently interrupted by the sobbing of the crowd. The religious formed a party which became known as the *Piagnoni*, that is, the "weepers." It did not look like the old Florence at all. Purity and goodness ran riot. Savonarola, who was especially interested in the welfare of the youth, organized the boys into a sacred militia. With their help he arranged in 1496 a religious carnival, where respectable citizens gave away their costliest possessions and performed wild dances for the glory of God. Masks, pictures, and other "vanities" were burned in a big bonfire on the Piazza della Signoria. The most civilized city of the world was hypnotized by a visionary monk.

In the Compendio di Revelatione Savonarola set forth, in complete good faith, his principal visions and his own interpretations of them. Once there appeared to him a black cross, planted in the centre of Rome and reaching to the sky that was filled with fearful lightning, rain, fire, and death. Suddenly this "cross of God's wrath" disappeared and from the centre of Jerusalem a new cross rose. made of gold and spreading joy over the world. All nations gathered together to worship this "cross of the compassion of God." Naturally, the two crosses were symbols, one representing the evil and the other the good life, with their attending consequences. In another vision he saw himself as the ambassador of the Florentines to Jesus Christ, traveling on a long journey to Paradise. He gave a minute account of all his experiences on the visit, reporting the things that were said to him by the Virgin and the Saints.

These visions were simple, child-like fantasies, the products of an over-wrought imagination, but Savonarola believed in them. There can be no question about his sincerity, strange though it may seem that a man of his ability and learning should indulge in such vagaries. In this respect the great reformer was completely medieval. With his contrasting characteristics, Savonarola is one of the most puzzling figures of history. Not only in his time, but centuries afterwards, he had passionate admirers and passionate detractors. Some saw in him a "new man" and others regarded him as a dangerous reactionary. The truth is that, like many others of the period, he stood on the borderline that divides the Middle Ages from the new era.

Bought in February, 1865.

#### BARTOLOMMEO DI LIBRI

SAVONAROLA, HIERONYMUS. El Triompho della Croce. 1497?

Hain \*14,345.

Printed with roman type, in large quarto form. It has 84 leaves, 36 lines to a page. The size of the leaf is 278 × 202 mm., and the printed text measures

200 X 131 mm. There are small woodcut initials at the beginning of each chapter. Bound in brown morocco; the binding is modern.

The Triumph of the Cross, Savonarola's most important work, is a systematic philosophical exposition of the Catholic doctrine.

In the Introduction the author announces that he will examine the truth of faith by the light of natural reason. "We shall not rely on any authority," he writes, "but proceed as if there were not a man in the world worthy of belief, however wise he might be."

In the first book Savonarola states that he regards God as the prime mover, the first cause. "There is no sentiment in our nature without a purpose," he argues, "and as the whole human race has an instinctive faith in the existence of God, we must necessarily infer that He truly exists, otherwise we should have to admit that a sentiment implanted in our nature was purposeless, which is contrary to universal experience." And this is how he imagined God: "God is incorporeal, has not the form of a body, is not a compounded substance, but in one, immutable and eternal; infinite in goodness, infinite in power.

The second book asserts that the number of proofs in support of Christianity are infinite. "The Bible, and more especially the prophecies, the greater part of which have been fulfilled, should suffice to persuade everyone, even the most incredulous." The works of Jesus show that he was God. How could he have overturned otherwise all the other religions and force us to believe in the Eucharist and in the virginity of His mother? The very success of Christianity shows its supernatural origin.

The third book treats of the dogma of the Trinity, the mystery of the Incarnation, and discusses the various canons of the Church. According to Savonarola, Trinity is a universal law of nature. "Observe the vegetable kingdom," he pleads, "and you find that the fruit is connected with the tree only externally. If you go next to the animal kingdom, you find that the child remains several months in the mother's womb. It you go higher still, into the generation of thought, you find it much more intrinsically connected with the mind in which it has arisen. Here then is the true image of the Trinity; we have the mind which thinks, the conception generated by it, and the love which it breathes — they truly represent the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

In the fourth and last book the author contends that compared with Christianity all other doctrines and religions are worthless. The teachings of the philosophers are contradictory; astrology is contrary to reason and religion; the Jews are refuted by the Bible; and the Mahometans are palpably wrong. Against the heretics and schismatics he defends the Church Militant: "It is one and has a single head, like unto the Church Triumphant, of which it

ought to offer the image, and which is governed in heaven by Jesus Christ." The work concludes with a forceful vindication of the unity of the Church and the authority of the Pope: "All the faithful ought to rally round the Holy Father, as supreme head of the Roman Church, mistress of all other Churches; and whosoever departs from the doctrine of the Church of Rome departs from Christ . . ."

Alexander VI. the former Rodrigo Borgia, was Pope when this flaming tribute to the Head of the Church was penned. Excommunicated by the Pope, who once offered him a Cardinal's hat and whom, in spite of repeated orders, he refused to visit, Savonarola in 1497 wrote his Triumph of the Cross, not only as an apology for Christianity, but also as an apology for himself. As soon as the copies left the press, the work was closely scrutinized by the Papal authorities, but it was impossible to find in it any heresy.

Matters, however, were beyond repair by that time between the Pope and Savonarola. The invectives which the inopportune friar hurled against the Papal court were bad enough; but worse than this, he stood in the way of the political schemes of the Pope. In March 1495 Alexander VI organized, with the participation of Milan and Naples, a "Holy League" against France, and he wanted to win over the Florentines to his side. But the Pope could not succeed while Savonarola was in power, for the friar feared the influence of Rome more than that of the aliens. As a matter of fact, Savonarola, whose chief interest was religion and not politics, began to cherish the idea of rousing all Christendom for the purifying of the Church. The Pope sent envoys to the Florentines, appealing to their patriotism as "good Italians"; moreover, he promised to restore to them the city of Pisa if they would join the League - and send Savonarola to Rome, Florence, however, remained recalcitrant, and the Pope had to abide his time. But in the spring of 1497 there was a distinct change in the government of the city and there were signs that people grew weary of the asceticism imposed upon them. Arrabiati, the "raging ones," together with the followers of the Medici, formed the majority of the Great Council.

After continuous fluctuations in the popular feeling, the tragic end of Savonarola came suddenly. A Franciscan friar, a hireling of his political enemies, challenged him to prove the truth of his doctrines by ordeal of fire. Savonarola indignantly declined, but finally, through the fanaticism of his followers, was forced into the trap. On the 7th of April, 1498, an immense crowd gathered together on the Piazza della Signoria to witness the barbarous contest. Everything was arranged with great ceremony, Franciscans and Dominicans marching in solemn procession around the fire. In the last moment, under various pretexts, the challenging Franciscan friar backed out and his brethren slipped away. The fury of the mob. cheated of its spectacle, burst forth against the Dominicans and their leader. Savonarola's power was completely broken. Looked upon for years as a prophet, he suddenly became a fraud and a villain in the eyes of the populace.

The arrest and trial of Savonarola, and his execution which took place on the 23rd of May 1498, are too well-known to be recounted here. The agonies of the rack, the ingenious tortures to which he was submitted for forty days, could not break his spirit and make him acknowledge that he was

false either in his political or religious conduct. Girolamo Savonarola was not a prophet. But once more a prophecy of his was fulfilled: he died a martyr's death.

Bought in June, 1920.

#### MANTUA

#### PAULUS DE BUTZBACH

NICOLAUS DE LYRA. Postilla in epistolas Pauli. 28 April, 1478.

Hain \*10,396.

Printed with gothic type, in small folio form. It has 183 leaves, 50 lines to a page. The size of a leaf is  $290 \times$  196 mm., and the printed text in a column measures  $196 \times 58$  mm. Spaces are left for initials. The binding is modern.

These Postilla (post illa) or Commentaries cover all the epistles of St Paul. After a short introduction, the volume begins with the interpretations of the "Epistle to the Romans." The Commentaries on the "Epistles to the Corinthians" and on the "Epistle to the Hebrews" are the most extensive parts of the work.

In his copy of the *Postilla* Paul, Bishop of Burgos, wrote numerous marginal notes further expounding or criticising Nicolaus's commentaries. Later these notes were copied and printed as *Additiones*. They are incorporated in the present volume.

(For notes on Nicolaus de Lyra and his Commentaries on the Bible see p. 374 in the November 1929 issue of More Books.)

Bought in March, 1923.

### VINCENTIUS BERTOCHUS

Bosso, Matteo. Familiares et secundae epistolae.

1498.

Hain 3,671.

Printed with roman type, in quarto page. The size of a leaf is  $314 \times 210$  mm., form. It has 143 leaves, 38 lines to a and the text measures  $210 \times 130$  mm.

Matteo Bosso was born in 1428 at Verona and died in 1502 at Padua. He studied at Milan, where in 1450 he joined the order of the Canons Regular. His wide culture and sympathetic nature won many friends for him. A distinguished humanist, he was a member of the Platonic Academy. In his Order, too, he rose to high rank; in 1486–88 he was procurator-general.

The letters of Bosso are the most interesting part of his works. In 1492 his Recuperationes Fesulanae was published at Florence, containing 133 letters. The Familiares et secunda epistolae, the second group, consists of 232 more. In 1502 a Tertia pars epistolarum, consisting of about 100 further letters, was printed.

The volume described here includes letters written to a large number of men and women, seculars and ecclesiastics. A list of the persons to whom the letters were addressed precedes the text.

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Vincentius Bertochus began printing at Mantua in 1498. Paulus de Butzbach ceased working there in 1481, and in the intervening period only one or two books were printed at Mantua.

Bought in May, 1892.

#### BRESCIA

## ANGELUS AND JACOBUS BRITANNICUS

JACOBUS DE VORAGINE. Registrum in sermones de tempore et de Sanctis. 1491.

Panzer, I, p. 252; Proctor 6553.

Printed with gothic type, in quarto form, in two colums. It has four leaves, 50 lines in a column. The recto side of the first leaf is blank. The size of a leaf is  $265 \times 187$  mm., and the text in a column measures  $200 \times 60$  mm.

This Table of Contents properly belongs to Voragine's Sermones de tempore et de Sanctis published at Brescia in 1491. By some mistake, however, the leaves were bound together with a copy of the Gesta Romanorum, printed by Anton Sorg at Augsburg at an unknown date. (See p. 19 in the January 1930 issue of More Books.) The types are very similar, though at a close view one can see the difference.

Voragine himself arranged his sermons into four groups, and they were printed in as many separate volumes. The first was the most popular. It was first printed in 1473 in Paris by Gering, Krantz and Friburger. At least nine editions were published during the fifteenth century. The Brescia edition was the fifth.

The chief work of Voragine, archbishop of Genoa from 1292 to 1298, was of course *The Golden Legend*, a collection of stories about the Saints. (For notes about this work and the author see pp. 19–80 in the February 1930 issue of More Books.)

Bought in May, 1873.

### ANGELUS BRITANNICUS

BONAVENTURA. Opuscula.

17 December, 1495.

Hain 3,467.

Printed with gothic type, in small quarto form, in two columns. It has 184 leaves, the first and sixth blank. The size of a leaf is  $186 \times 127$  mm., and

the text in a column measures  $141 \times 49$  mm. The initials are in red and blue. The binding consists of oak boards; the leather back is modern.

Saint Bonaventura, the "Seraphic Doctor," was a very prolific writer. In the Quaracchi edition his collected works fill ten huge volumes. His most voluminous writings are expositions of the Bible, commentaries upon the Sentences of Peter Lombard, and sermons and tracts. The larger works date mainly from the years 1250 to 1256 while he was teaching at the University of Paris. The minor works are of later date; some of these he was said to have written on Mount Alverna, where Saint Francis, the founder of his Order, received the stigmata. From 1256 on Bonaventura was the General of the Francisco

ciscan Order. Much of his time he spent in France, but in 1273 he was asked by Pope Gregory X to return to Italy. At the same time he was made Cardinal and Bishop of Albano. The next year he died at Lyons where he was attending a General Council.

The Opuscula, the minor works, are especially important, since they embody the clearest expression of Bonaventura's theological and philosophical views. The present volume contains over twenty treatises. The best known among them is Stimulus amoris, in two parts, occupying leaves 129–158. This is a mystical work, yet its subtleties reflect the influence of scholasticism. Unfortunately, modern scholars have found that it was not written by Bonaventura, but by a contemporary, a certain Brother James of Milan. Much of the work, however, was inspired by the sayings and teachings of the great Doctor. The Stimulus amoris had been translated into English in 1642 under the title The Goad to Divine Love.

The Public Library has a fifteenth-century copy of a Biblical concordance compiled by Bonaventura (see note on p. 367 in the November 1929 issue of More Books) and also an early copy of the *Speculum beatae Mariae virginis*, a work that is now rejected as spurious. (See note on p. 19 of January 1930 issue of More Books.)

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#### **TREVISO**

### JOANNES RUBEUS VERCELLENSIS

STRABO. Geographia.

7 September, 1480.

Hain \*15,089.

Printed with roman type, in small folio form. It has 378 leaves, 39 lines to a page. The size of a leaf is  $292 \times 199$  mm., and the text measures  $220 \times 199$  mm., and the text measures  $220 \times 199$  mm.

Strabo had an exalted notion about the value of geography. "If the scientific investigation of any subject be the proper avocation of a philosopher, geography is certainly entitled to a high place," the first sentence of his work reads. And he enumerates all the distinguished men who have dealt with the subject. First he mentions Homer, whom he thought not only the greatest poet, but also the founder of geographical science; then he speaks of Hypparchus, Eratosthenes, Polybius, Poseidonius, and others, "all of them philosophers." In his descriptions he drew largely upon the writing of these predecessors, yet much of his information was the result of personal observation. Strabo was a great traveller. "Of all the writers on geography," he boasts in a passage, "not one can be mentioned who has travelled a wider extent of the countries described than we have." He visited Egypt, the various countries of Asia Minor (he was born at Amasia in Pontus), Greece, and knew Italy well. About Spain, France, Britain and Germany he obtained his knowledge while living in Rome. The exact dates of his birth and death are unknown. He was probably born in 66 B.C. and died in 24 A.D.

The work is written in a simple and lucid style and is packed with facts. "In addition to its vast importance to social life and the art of government," Strabo wrote, "geography unfolds to us the celestial phenomena, acquaints us with the occupants of the land and the sea, and with the vegetation and peculiarities of the various quarters of the earth . . ." Accordingly, the Geographia is encyclopedic in its interest. Yet there are many omissions in the work. Strabo had in mind the needs of the administrator, rather than those of the student.

The first two books, which may be considered as an independent treatise, serve as an Introduction. The author begins with a discussion of the merits of Homer, and points out the mistakes of the later geographers. He treats of the division of the earth into zones, and gives a brief sketch of the most important seas, countries and nations. At the end of the first book there is this remarkable statement: "It is quite possible that in the temperate zone there may be two or even more habitable earths, especially near the circle of latitude which is drawn through Athens and the Atlantic Ocean . . ." Plainly, this is a conjecture of the existence of the Western continents.

The next eight books deal with Europe: the third is devoted to Spain, the fourth to Gaul, the fifth and sixth to Italy, the seventh to the people north of the Danube, and the following three to Greece and the adjacent islands. In the descriptions of Gaul, Strabo often quotes Caesar; and his information about Germany was chiefly derived from the work of Asinius Pollio.

The eleventh book treats of the divisions of Asia. The next three books are devoted to Asia Minor. Anatolia receives an especially detailed account, but even here the geographer relies mainly on the early historians. India and Persia are the chief subjects of the two following books, with chapters on Assyria, Babylonia, Judea and Arabia. The work concludes with a description of Egypt and Africa.

Strabo wrote in Greek, which may account for the fact that he remained comparatively obscure during his life-time. In the Middle Ages his work became popular, as the large number of the existing manuscripts show. The Geographia was first printed in Rome in 1469-70 by Pannartz and Sweynheym in the Latin translation of Guarini of Verona and Gregorio of Tiferno. This volume had been frequently reprinted during the fifteenth century; the Treviso edition by Joannes Rubeus was the fourth. The Greek text, based on a very corrupt manuscript, was first published by Aldus Manutius at Venice in 1516.

The Library has also a copy of another edition of the *Geographia* printed by Joannes Rubeus in 1494 at Venice, to which city this printer transferred his press after a few years' work at Treviso. (For note see p. 189 in the May 1931 issue of More Books.)

Bought in April, 1916.

(To be continued.)

ZOLTÁN HARASZTI

## Ten Books

Novels, poetry or drama are seldom included in these columns. Tastes in literature differ and these notes, informative rather than critical as they are, try to avoid controversial subjects. Yet it would be a serious omission to pass by without notice Eugene ONeill's new play *Mourning Becomes Electra* [4409B.577]. In the production of the Theatre Guild in New York the trilogy—for that it is—has been the outstand-

ing success of the season.

Unquestionably, the play has great merits. The very magnitude of the enterprise, and the high seriousness which the dramatist brings to it, should command one's respect. Eugene O'Neill has a deep reverence for his art, which gives a rare quality — an almost hieratic feeling — to his work. In this sense, he has a distant kinship with the Greek dramatists; and for this reason, it has been less incongruous with him, than it would have been with any one else, to attempt a modern equivalent of the ancient Greek plays, showing that in every age and climate the same emotions exist in the same kinds of human beings. Mourning Becomes Electra is not an imitation; it is a re-interpretation of the motives of the Oresteia in our terms. The modern play runs parallel with the old.

Here is the point where the examination of the play should begin. O'Neill's work depends for its effect, often for its credibility, on our knowledge of the Greek plays. The characters, transplanted into entirely new surroundings, move in the same situations and carry out the same laws. Brigadier-General Mannon, returning from the Civil War, is the counterpart of Agamemnon, leader of the Greek forces in the Trojan War; Christine is the personification of his wife, Clytemnestra; and Orin, of

course, stands for Orestes and Lavinia for Electra. The curse of the Atridae, most important of all, is here, too. From the very beginning of the play the townsfolk — substitutes for the chorus of the Greek plays — are full of stories about the misfortunes of the Mannons.

With all these reminiscences as a background, how did the American dramatist succeed? It is difficult to give a straight answer; every affirmative statement must be accompanied by a negative one. On the stage, where the whole trilogy is played in one evening, the work is too long, over-taxing one's capacity for absorption; in book-form, when one has leisure to read, it seems, on the contrary, too short, and the motivation thin and inadequate. But the chief fault of the play lies in its extreme explicitness. In a comparison with the Greek plays, the difference is really painfully conspicuous. In the Greek drama the motives are always discreet, couched in poetry. It took twenty-four hundred years before a Viennese doctor discovered that Orestes suffered from a mother-complex - and the Greek departments of most Universities are still protesting against the diagnosis. In the American play no doubt has been left about the real troubles of these people. The psychopathological formulae of Freud and Rank stick out crudely from every scene. O'Neill relentlessly squeezes out every possibility from every situation, so that one becomes conscious of exaggeration. But when the final curtain drops and Lavinia shuts herself up for life, one's flagging confidence again revives. Everybody has known of an old woman, living in a cursed house ever since she was a beautiful young maid. This play explains the mystery of just such a life.

Greek tragedies happen in our day. O'Neill's play achieves this probability - therefore it is a success. Yet something essential is missing: that feeling of terror and pity which the Greek dramas so inevitably impart. There is not enough spaciousness in the American play for awe. We are all in the hands of destiny, is the burden of the Oresteia; in Mourning Becomes Electra the characters move like mere puppets. Eugene O'Neill has learned more from Strindberg than from Sophocles — but, then, the drama is not what it was once, and this work still stands out as perhaps the most important drama written by an American.

The new biography of Dostoevsky [3069.792] by the Englishman Edward Hallett Carr has aroused great interest and also called forth some sharp criti-The book contains a mass of information which came to light only during the last decade. But what is most assuredly new in it is its tone. Mr. Carr writes about Dostoevsky as if he were writing about any other novelist — which is in itself a surprise. He refuses to regard him as a prophet whose personality is beyond the limits of literature. In his effort to reduce the great Russian to ordinary proportions, however, the author becomes too deliberate and his tone of superiority, ridiculous. Instead of giving a portrait of the novelist Dostoevsky, he gives only that of the publicist. Dostoevsky, the author of "Crime and Punishment," "The Devils," and "The Brothers Karamasov," has completely eluded Mr. Carr. Yet one must admit that the English writer has wide knowledge and a clear and logical style. The reason of his failure is in his approach — for there is a residue in Dostoevsky which will always elude mere rationalism.

It is a commonplace of criticism concerning any of Theodore Dreisers' works that he cannot write good English. This is one's first impression again, reading his newest book *Tragic America* [3567.729]. The grammar is bad and much of the stuff is boresome —

and yet many a reader will find enjoyment in the work. This is a book by Dreiser, the social reformer. The novelist who has been active lately among the striking miners of Harlan County, Kentucky, writes about the exploitation of the American public by banks and corporations, about the profits of the railways, the conditions of the labor organizations, the growth of the police power, the wealth of the churches, and of all sorts of abuses. His feeling is to quote at random a sentence - that millions of Americans live and die without tasting anything really worth while. "The average individual to-day is really tortured; he is so numerous, so meaningless, so wholly confused and defeated." As this single sentence shows, Dreiser's grammar may be bad, but his language is expressive.

Return to Yesterday [2446.180] is a book of reminiscences by Ford Madox Ford. Some people like this writer, others do not - he himself is quite broad-minded about it, for he cheerfully confesses, "I am one with the struggling millions who cannot read me." But this book is one of the best works by The strained facetiousness which mars much of his writings is absent, and the volume reflects a deeper, more serious mood. Perhaps the narrative is too slow and lengthy, but, by the time one reaches the end, one has become acquainted with many an author, editor, politician and other folk with whom Mr. Ford had experience. One of the best chapters is about the three Americans and one Pole — Henry James, Stephen Crane, W. H. Hudson and Joseph Conrad — who lived at or near Winchelsea in the 'nineties, and with whom Mr. Ford had an almost daily contact for years. They are all dead now. Yet - "those four men lit in those days in England a beacon that posterity shall not easily let die . . ."

"The difficulty with a literary history written by one author," John Macy writes in American Writers on American Literature [2396.478], "is that it is almost impossible for a man to know both

ends and the middle of even so brief a literature as that of America." Consequently, he has invited thirty-seven contributors to present individual authors or groups of writers, ranging from the Colonial historians to the poets and novelists of today. Some of the collaborators are professors; most of them are editors, critics, novelists and poets. Louis Bromfield has written on Hawthorne, Henry Hazlitt on Emerson, Gilbert Seldes on Thoreau, Robert Morss Lovett on Lowell, Robert Herrick on Henry James, F. O. Mattiessen on New England stories, Don C. Seitz on American journalism, and so on.

Our Changing Theatre [6257.554] by R. Dana Skinner is a lively survey of modern American drama, with a consideration of the theatres, the public and the actors. Mr. Skinner contrasts two classes of serious plays: one he calls "the song of tragedy" and the other "tragedy without song." In the former class he includes "O'Neill's "Great God Brown" and Elmer Rice's "Street Scene," and in the latter O'Neill's Strange Interlude" and "Dynamo." With a fine skill he sketches and analyses the comedies of George Kelly, Philip Barry, Rachel Crothers, Susan Glaspell and others.

The most interesting chapter in Sacheverell Sitwell's Spanish Baroque Art [\*8108.07–103] is the one on Mexico. For the Church of San Sebastian y Santa Prisca, in the little town of Taxco, the author has an unbounded admiration. "Not only is it the finest thing in Mexico," he writes, "but it ranks with the greatest achievements of Baroque art in Europe." He describes in glowing terms also the churches of Valenciana, Tepozotlan and Ocotlan. In his judgment, "these are four churches with the omission of which no history of architecture is complete."

In The Labor Problems in the United States [9331.8A86] Professor E. E. Cummins, of Union College, gives an admirable analysis of the employeremployee relation. With an abundant

use of statistics, he first presents labor's grievances, such as unemployment, long working days, occupational diseases and accidents, and the controversy over wages. A large section of the volume is devoted to a history of the American labor organizations.

Psychology at Work [3607.388] edited by Paul S. Achilles, is a collection of brief, easily understood articles which give the layman a good idea of what psychologists are doing to-day. Walter R. Miles writes on the contributions of psychology to the professions of medicine, law, and theology; Morris S. Viteles on recent advances made in testing industrial workers; and Floyd H. Allport on psychology in its relation to social and political problems. The three papers on education are especially vivid through the accounts of observations in a number of cases of normal and problem children.

Principles of Philosophy [3605.652]. the first volume of the Collected Papers of Charles Sanders Peirce, will probably never be popular — not even among people who are accustomed to read philosophy. However, it is a duty to record here the appearance of the volume. Peirce's name is almost entirely unknown, yet the fact remains that he was the greatest American philosopher. And he left behind an enormous mass of unpublished manuscripts. The Collected Papers are planned for ten volumes. "When the first six volumes have appeared," John Dewey writes in The New Republic, "the public will be in possession of the contributions made by the most original mind this country has produced to general philosophy; to logical theory, both in the traditional form, as a theory of scientific method and a modern symbolic logic; to metaphysics, to pragmatism, to mathematics. The remaining four volumes will contain his writings on physics and psychology, his book reviews, correspondence, etc." Hartshorne and Paul Weiss are responsible for the excessively difficult task of the editing.

## Library Notes

The charming, simple drawings and the Italian tales and legends of Francesca Alexander created a good deal of interest when John Ruskin discovered them on a visit to Italy in 1882. It was Ruskin who introduced her work to the English reading public, lecturing at Oxford and London on her drawings and editing her books. In 1883 he bought "The Story of Ida" and published it with a preface of his own; two vears later he published the "Roadside Songs of Tuscany" and in 1887 "Christ's Folk in the Apennine." All of these are stories in prose and verse about the Italian peasants of the Apennine valley, among whom Francesca Alexander lived, giving them help and counsel, so that they looked upon her with love and reverence. The stories were illustrated with her own drawings, and both her words and pictures have a moving quality. Her last published work was "The Hidden Servants," a book of narrative poems.

All four books may be found in the Boston Public Library, but especial mention should be made of a large folio volume, the photographic reproduction of the illustrated legend "La Sorellaccia" or "The Wicked Sister," written in beautiful script with the English and Italian in opposite columns, containing many full-page illustrations and exquisitely decorated with flowers and miniature landscapes. The book was made by Francesca in 1877, before the "Roadside Songs." She gave it to Mrs. Quincy Shaw of Boston, in gratitude for money which Mrs. Shaw had given her for her poor. After exhibiting it in the Museum of Fine Arts, Mrs. Shaw had photogravure copies made of the volume, one for each of her five children and one for the Boston Public Library. The book has been here since 1902.

A few years ago appeared a memoir "Francesca Alexander," by Constance G. Alexander, and this is followed now by John Ruskin's Letters to Francesca and Memoirs of the Alexanders, a volume edited, with a connecting biographical account, by Lucia Gray Swett, a cousin of Francesca. There is an intimate feeling about the book, as if we had come nearer to Ruskin, and the Alexanders, than ever before.

anders, than ever before.

The artist was born on West Cedar Street, Boston, in 1837, the daughter of the painter Francis Alexander and his wife, the former Lucia Gray Swett. In 1853 the family went abroad on account of Mr. Alexander's health, and though they visited America, they made their permanent home in Florence, Italy. About half of the present volume consists of the correspondence between John Ruskin and Francesca, with occasional notes to Francesca's mother. These letters are idvllic, sprung from a deep-seated, affectionate friendship. The great Victorian critic addresses the artist always as "Sorella" and she him as "Fratello." This was indeed a pure example of brotherly and sisterly love. As the biographer tells, Ruskin had been ill and in low spirits when he visited the Alexanders in Italy and he had found in Francesca and her art a new and restoring interest. She in turn received his confidence and wrote. upon his encouragement, little sketches of the peasant folk who flocked to see her. "Christ's Folk in the Appenine," was made up of extracts from her letters.

Francesca Alexander died in 1917 in her home in Florence, at the age of

eighty.

This passage from a letter, written in March 1884, shows Ruskin's custom-

ary tone:

"Sweetest Sorella: I answer on the instant the part of your lovely letter about the harm of what people say. That is the only way the Evil Spirits can get at you, and you really must not let them come in at the door opened by your fratello. There is really nothing for it but the true, rational, useful-needful, indispensably cruel convent grate. You must live the Angelico and St. Francis life - in peace. You must simply let it be known that you need quiet, not praise; and close your door steadily against the Rich. As for selling either drawings or photographs put it wholly out of your head. Do what you delight in doing, and let me and the people I can trust see to the selling . . . ."

And here is a beautiful expression of what Ruskin thought of his corre-

spondent:

"Seriously, darling Sorella, you must really - for the sake of the truth of the relations between us - not think of me as able to advise or direct you, except in art only. In all the conduct of your life and heart you have been both by nature and by fortunate circumstance - altogether wiser, purer, stronger than I. My powers and feelings have been in countless ways wasted, perverted, blinded, only the Love of Virtue and the desire to help my fellow-creatures - man and beast — gathering always what was not wrecked, into consistent action and good result - though not half of what ought to have been. Grant, or insist, that my essential powers are wider than yours - my love of good and beauty as true — still the fact is so, that I, at best, am as a vine torn by a wild boar out of the wood. And you, like grass of Parnassus by its native stream. And never think that I call tell you how to do, or be, more blesséd and bright than you are, while you can always cheer me and strengthen by the light of you . . ."

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An error has crept into the description of the career of Mr. Milton E. Lord, the new Director of the Boston Public Library, in the December issue of More Books, p. 439. It has been stated that "he became Director of the University Libraries of the State University of Iowa in 1930, and there he served also as Director of the Summer School." The last part of the statement should have read ". . . Director of the Summer Library School."

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Early American Portraiture by Frederic Fairchild Sherman is a folio volume of biographical and critical essays on American painters of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The articles are accompanied by fine full-page plates and by lists of each artist's works.

As a curiosity one may mention here that in his chapter on John Singleton Copley the author maintains that a miniature portrait of Washington which "has been erroneously attributed in recent years to Charles Willson Peale" was painted by Copley in 1755, when Washington visited Boston. "It is true," Mr. Sherman writes, "that our artist was then but eighteen but it must be remembered that he was an unusually precocious painter." This miniature is in the Metropolitan Museum, New York.

Among the important large paintings reproduced in the present volume, only two are in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, both portraits of Washington by

Gilbert Stuart.

The call-number of this volume is 8060.03-109.

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Sanderson, Ezra Dwight. Insect pests of farm, garden and orchard. New York. 3898.14R 1931. vii, 568 pp. Plates. 3d edition, revised and enlarged by Leonard Marion Peairs.

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Askins, Charles. Game bird shooting. Edited by Edward Cave. New York. 1931. xx, 312 pp. Plates. 4008.559 Thorne, Harold. Culbertson vs. the official system: the strong and weak points of each. New York. [1931.] 64 pp. 4009B.97

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A biography of Leonard Bacon (1802-1881), a Connecticut clergyman influential in liberalising the Congregational Church and prominent in the anti-slavery agitation, in which he was opposed to the methods of Garrison.

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A detailed study of the life and times of the last Hohenstaufen emperor, who founded the University of Naples in 1224.

Lindley, Ernest K. Franklin D. Roosevelt: a career in progressive democracy. Indian-

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Miller, Francis Trevelyan. Thomas A Edison, benefactor of mankind: the romantic life story of the world's greatest inventor.

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Greengrass, H. W. The discount market in London. Its organization and recent development. London. 1930. 187 pp.

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The fanciful story of a deserted house which flew into a tree and became a bird house.

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This book with many pictures contains a realistic story with information for the younger children.

Coleman, Satis Narrona. The gingerbread man and other songs of the children's story-book friends. New York. [1931.] 71 pp. Colored plates. Z.120c12.3

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Craine, Edith Janice. Conquistador. New York. [1931.] Z.F.65c1

A spirited narrative of early colonization in South America, retold from authentic sources.

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Experiences of a French boy before and after the World War.

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A well-illustrated book about ships of many models with instructions for the less experienced workman.

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The adventures of a Dutch boy on a long sea voyage to the East.

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The imaginary travels of a Chinese boy are beautifully pictured by Lynd Ward from old Chinese paintings and vases.

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This book contains valuable information on steamships of today.

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Beveridge, Sir William Henry, and others. Tariffs: the case examined by a committee of economists. London. 1931. xi, 300 pp. Refers to British conditions. 9337.242A50

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# Washington Letters in this Library

of the Boston Public Library. With the exception of two cases which are still filled with the letters and manuscripts of Daniel Webster, all the available space has been given over to Washingtoniana. It is not for us to praise the exhibit, but one may be allowed to express one's pleasure that such an exhibit, solely from the resources of the Library, has been possible. Nearly three hundred items are displayed — original manuscripts, maps, broadsides and rare books — illustrating the various phases of the life and career of George Washington. There are many institutions which have far more valuable Washington material than this Library, but there are only a few which could match this exhibit for variety and comprehensive interest.

The next issue of More Books will contain a detailed account of the anniversary exhibit; the present issue is devoted to a single group in it — to the Washington letters owned by the Library. The collection is small, yet one that deserves attention. Following this article, which serves merely as an introduction, the letters are reproduced in full on these pages.

There are an immense number of Washington letters in existence. The Washington Papers in the Library of Congress, including the letters written

to Washington, comprise some four hundred bound volumes of manuscripts. The first great collection of the letters, as edited by Jared Sparks, was published in 1837 in twelve large volumes. This work, however, has been entirely superseded by the fourteen-volume edition of The Writings of George Washington, published by Mr. Worthington Chauncey Ford in 1883–93. The latter collection is altogether admirable from a scholarly point of view, but even this represents only a selection. Besides, a great deal of additional Washington material has turned up during the last forty years. The bicentennial edition of Washington's writings, now being prepared under the direction of John C. Fitzpatrick, is expected to be the definitive edition. This work, the first volume of which will appear soon, is planned for twenty-five volumes.

The Library of Congress possesses the largest bulk of all the Washington manuscripts. There are, however, considerable groups of Washington letters in various other institutions. The Library of Congress has been anxious for years to acquire photostats of as many of these as possible, and in his last annual report Dr. Herbert Putnam gratefully acknowledges that the New Hampshire Historical Society and the Archives of the State at Concord sent in 292 negatives, the New York Public Library 584, and Dr. A. S. Rosenbach 608 pieces. Apart from the holders of large collections, the Library of Congress obtained in the past year 150 photostats from persons in all parts of the country and not a few from Europe. In Boston alone there are a large number of letters. In the volumes of the Heath collection the Massachusetts Historical Society has 284 pieces and among the Jefferson Papers undoubtedly many others. The Knox collection, deposited in the Massachusetts Historical Society but belonging to the New England Historic Genealogical Societ : contains 133 more. In the Boston Athenaeum, which owns Washington's rivate library, there are only three or four letters, but the State Archives, again, possess nearly 75.

In the Boston Public Library, mainly in the Chamberlain collection, there are 16 Washington letters. Only one of these, a circular addressed to the governors of the M ddle and Eastern States in March 1782, on the subject of drafting a sufficient body of militia for the contemplated offensive, was printed in Ford's work (Vol. IX, p. 454); and one other, written to Colonel Daniel Morgan in November 1778, was published in a biography of Morgan in 1856. Drafts of some of the other letters may be found in the Library of Congress, while two of the letters are probably drafts themselves. The whole collection is reproduced in the present issue of the Bulletin, with the exception of the circular letter of 1782.

Washington's earliest letter in the Library was written to Mrs. Fairfax, on 13 February 1758, at Mount Vernon. It is about some newspapers which Washington sent to his neighbors — an altogether slight and prosaic subject to hang upon it too much romance. Yet the obstinate hunter of hidden significances may note that Washington was in haste to forward the papers before he himself had had a chance to read them, and may also attribute the warm invitation to a visit to something more than mere courtesy. For Mrs. Fairfax was that same Sally Fairfax, with whom Washington fell in love when as a youth of seventeen he first met her, and whom he even more ardently loved nine years later, at the time when this little note with the papers was

dispatched. Sally Fairfax was the eldest daughter of Colonel Wilson Cary, one of the wealthiest landowners in Virginia, and the wife of George William Fairfax, heir-presumptive to the Fairfax barony. She was related, in a way, to Washington, since her husband was the brother-in-law of Washington's older brother Lawrence. The Fairfaxes were married in December 1748 and they lived at Belvoir, a few miles away from Mount Vernon, where they were frequent visitors. It was at his brother's house, where he stayed then as a guest, that George Washington first met Sally Fairfax. Many things had happened since that time. Washington was now a man of twenty-six, a veteran of the French and Indian wars, and for the last three years commander of all the Virginia troops. Yet the winter of 1757 was perhaps the worst period in Washington's life. Sick with dysentery, he was confined for several months at Mount Vernon, where he resided since his brother's death in 1752. His letters to his friends were full of despair. "At certain periods I have been reduced to great extremity," he wrote to Colonel Stanwyx, "and have now too much reason to apprehend an approaching end . . ." He suffered from a severe illness, yet his love for Sally Fairfax was deeper than ever. His famous letter to her, the confession of his love, was written in the following September.

There are two letters from 1763, both to George William Fairfax. The first of these, dated July 20, is such as might often pass between neighbors. Both Washington and Fairfax, the latter seven years his senior, were conscientious farmers. Married since January 1759, Washington lived a busy life in his retirement at Mount Vernon. No detail of the management of his estate was too small for his attention. His diary for 1763 is full of notes about the pigs and sows, fodder and grain of his plantations. On the day when he wrote to Fairfax about the laths, bucket and locks, he was engaged in "Cut'g Hay at Hell hole."

The second letter to Fairfax, written on September 29, shows that the small affairs of the daily round had not interfered with the ambitious schemes which Washington conceived for the enlargement of his holdings. Through his marriage and trading he added within a few years thousands of new acres to his family estate. And as a man of thirty-one he was one of the most enthusiastic promoters of the "Mississipi Scheme," a Company which he formed with eighteen other Virginian gentlemen. The plan was to enlarge the group to fifty and petition the King for the grant of no less than two and a half million acres along the river. Each member was to receive fifty thousand acres. But the affairs of the Company, in spite of a new petition in 1768, stagnated and no one received any land. In 1772 Washington finally wrote off his books as a loss the forty odd pounds which he had paid in as an initiation fee and assessment.

These are the only letters in the Library from Washington, the Colonial gentleman. They are all in his own handwriting.

Seven letters date from the time of the Revolution. The first and longest was written at Middle Brook in June 1777 to General Sullivan, ordering him to resume his position at Rocky Hill. During the spring and summer of the year Sullivan was engaged in front of the main army, keeping the British at Brunswick and Amboy from marauding. It was later in August that his un-

happy expedition to Staten Island occurred. Neither was he successful, in September, at Brandywine where he commanded the right wing. Yet Washington trusted his general, who proved his skill and bravery both at Trenton and Princeton . . . But the larger part of the letter deals with the so-called Livius affair, and this is what makes it an extremely interesting document. A person named Amsbury, who arriving from Canada was caught as a spy, had told General Schuyler at Saratoga that before he left Montreal Judge Livius had given him a canteen containing a letter under a false bottom and asked him to deliver it to General Sullivan. The letter was found, and Schuyler sent it to Washington, together with Amsbury's confession. At the same time he proposed to carry on a correspondence with Livius in Sullivan's name. Washington's conduct of the affair shows his tactfulness and high-mindedness. "I cannot say how far it may be agreeable to Sullivan for you to carry on the Correspondence in his name," he cautioned Schuyler. "If your letter has not gone, you had better wait for his concurrence, for it is a delicate matter." And, in the letter now in the Library, he laid at once the whole story before Sullivan.

As to the merit of the case, it seems certain that the author of the intercepted letter was really Peter Livius, formerly chief-justice of the Province of New Hampshire and a friend of John Sullivan. At the outbreak of the Revolution, Livius, like many other loyalists, fled to Quebec where he was soon appointed chief-justice of the Province. His letter to Sullivan, as Washington put it, was steeped "in the arts of flattery, bribery and intimidation." After telling his former friend that the Americans cannot have any hope of alliance with France and Spain, he assured him that in a few months the whole contest would be over. "You were the first man in active rebellion." he continued, "and drew with you the Province you live in. What hope, what expectation, can you have? You will be one of the first sacrifices to the resentment and justice of government; your family will be ruined, and you must die with ignominy . . ." However, if he would repent and do "some real essential service to the King and country," such as sending intelligence to the British and preparing the Province for a return to the King, ". . . I engage my word to you," the judge wrote, "you will receive pardon, you will secure your estate, and be further amply rewarded . . . "

The Library has also another letter of Washington to Sullivan, written twelve years later. It is a note accompanying the proclamation of a general Thanksgiving. Washington was President, and Sullivan was "President" of New Hampshire. The letter is dated from no particular place, merely from the "United States" — as if suggesting the difference between the two Presidencies.

The letter to Major-General Heath, written in October 1777, is about the supply of arms and clothing for the army. Incidentally, the surrender of Burgoyne is mentioned. Writing five days after the capitulation, Washington did not know yet that Heath would be the guardian of the captured British and German soldiers. His letter as usual has the flavor of eighteenth-century politeness. Six months later, however, the Commander-in-Chief had reason to speak more bluntly to his Major-General. In a letter of April 1778 he sharply rebuked Heath for enlisting British prisoners. "If we would wish

to reinforce the enemy with the whole of Mr. Burgoyne's army, we cannot pursue a mode, that will be more effectual or more certain, than to enlist it into our service . . . If nothing will restrain officers from pursuing such a pernicious, ruinous practice, they must be made to pay for all expenses and losses occasioned by it." Heath, indeed, was not among the most brilliant generals of the Revolution, though he retained Washington's esteem to the end. In November 1778 he was transferred, with four regiments, to the lower Hudson. After the War he returned to his farm at Roxbury, where he lived in happy retirement for thirty more years.

One may remark here that the original paroles of the officers of the captured British and Hessian armies, the lists headed by the signatures of Burgoyne and Baron Riedesel, are in the Boston Public Library. The documents were signed at Cambridge on 13 December, 1777.

The next letter dates from a year later and was sent to Colonel Morgan, one of the bravest officers of the Revolutionary War. Morgan's Virginian riflemen, all sharp-shooters, were the most dreaded single unit of the Continental Army. Like Washington, Morgan fought in the French and Indian wars before the Revolution and was one of the first Virginians to join Washington at Cambridge. With Arnold he took part in the Quebec expedition and had a prominent share in the battle at Freeman's Farm. Morgan's rangers, as the company was known, were always at the most perilous points of the War. His most brilliant feat, however, was the victory which, now as brigadier-general, he won over a superior British force at Cowpens. After the battle Congress voted him a gold medal, which was finally presented to him in 1790. This medal, the work of Augustin Dupré of Paris, shows on its obverse side America, personified by an Indian Queen, placing a crown of laurel on the head of General Morgan; on the reverse side the general is seen, leading his troops in a fight with the British. The Boston Public Library possesses a bronze copy of the medal, as well as the raised steel dies for both the obverse and reverse . . . Washington's note in the Library was written in connection with the transfer of Burgoyne's army from Cambridge to Charlottesville in Virginia. The Continental troops, which Washington mentions, were those which accompanied the Britishers.

How extensive Washington's correspondence was may be seen from the fact that there are in the Library of Congress nine other letters written by him on the same day, among others to Generals Putnam, St. Clair, Wayne and Bayley.

The letter to General Woodford is an important one. It contains the order for the relief of Charleston. Woodford started out at once on his Southern expedition and marched five hundred miles in twenty-eight days with the Virginia and North Carolina troops. He reached Charleston in April and was taken prisoner a few weeks later. The British sent him to New York, where he died in November. Woodford was one of the better-known generals. He was the commander of the Virginians at Hampton Roads, where the first battle of the Revolution was fought in Virginia.

Washington's acknowledgment of his election to membership in the Philosophical Society is a gracious document. Joseph Reed, to whom the letter was addressed, was Washington's aide-de-camp at Cambridge. He held various high offices during the Revolution; at the time of Washington's writing he was President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. Washington had a warm regard for his "first secretary" as his many letters testify. Reed died in 1785, at the early age of forty-four.

The War was over when the letter to Daniel Parker, superintendent of the embarkation of the Tories from New York, was written. It is about certain negroes of Governor Harrison of Virginia. Washington wanted to do a kindly service to a friend, when he asked the superintendent to watch lest these negroes be carried off by the Tories. At the same time he did not forget his own and Lund Washington's slaves either. Benjamin Harrison was one of the most prominent men of the time. As chairman of Congress, it was he who introduced the resolution, drafted by Richard Henry Lee, for the Declaration of Independence. He was also one of the signers.

From the time of his Presidency, the Library has only a few notes by Washington. Characteristic is the one written to the Senator from Maryland, who had urged upon him the appointment of a candidate for the collectorship of the Port of Baltimore.

The most interesting letter in the collection is the last, written in November 1796 about a colored maid-servant of Mrs. Washington, who had absconded with a Frenchman to Portsmouth. The girl was evidently pregnant and, abandoned by her seducer, in great need. Yet she did not want to return to her Mistress. Mrs. Washington, however, was anxious to have the girl, apparently worried about what might happen to her. Washington asked the collector of Portsmouth to ship her back to Mount Vernon, yet cautioning him not to use such measures as would excite a mob or riot . . . The whole letter, written in Washington's own hand, two months after the publication of the Farewell Address, gives an extremely intimate insight into his mind. But no comment is necessary. The story is complete as it is told by the President himself.

There are a number of other documents in the Library — leaves of absence to soldiers and grants of lands to veterans — bearing Washington's signature. Two are of a different nature and they may be specially mentioned here. One is a map with notes prepared in 1750 and the other is a money order made out in 1799. Nearly a half century separates the writers of the two manuscripts — the youthful surveyor of eighteen and the Father of his Country a few months before his death.

Z. H.

### From 1758 to 1796

#### TO MRS. FAIRFAX AT BELVOIR

Mount Vernon, 13 February, 1758.

Dear Madam,

The Inclosed came to my hands this moment. Colonel Carlyle desird after I had perused the Papers, that I would send them to you — but as he did at the same time inform me that his Letter coverd one from Col. Fairfax (on whose safe arrival we offer our Congratulations) I have not delayd a moment in forwarding them. When you are at leizure to favour us with a visit we shall endeavour to partake as much as possible of the Joy you Receive on this Occasion.

My Brother and Sister join me in their Compliments to you and the

Young Ladies. I am, etc.

P.S. When you have read the Papers we should be glad of the opportunity of Perusing them.

#### TO GEORGE WILLIAM FAIRFAX AT BELVOIR

Mount Vernon, 20 July, 1763.

Dear Sir,

I have not a Lath in the World of any kind, seasoned or unseasoned, or you should be heartily welcome to them. I never knew before that it was in any wise necessary that they should be seasoned, for I usually got and put them up as they were wanted. Smart brings the Bucket &c; he has been detained longer than ordinary by a mistake of Peters (or mine) who I told to make staples and hasps proper for your Locks (not considering I must confess, that there were Chamber Locks among them) and he went and prepared a kickshaw in imitation of the brass receptacle for the Bolt and has been obliged to make new ones. We beg you will accept of our Compliments yourself, and render them agreeable to Mrs. Mr. and Miss Fairfax. I am, Dear Sir, etc.

### TO GEORGE WILLIAM FAIRFAX AT BELVOIR

29 September, 1763.

Dear Sir,

We are very sorry for Mrs. Fairfax's indisposition, and hope it is slight and will soon be removed. Mrs. Washington untill the arrival of your messenger, was in hopes of seeing Mrs. Fairfax this morning, altho it would have been out of her power to have accompanied her in the intended visit; for she also was siezed with a severe Ague about Noon yesterday and has not got clear of the Fever yet — and again my Sister Austin and her two eldest daughters came late in the Evening.

If you have had time to examine our Mississipi Scheme, and have come to any resolutions in consequence, I should be glad to know them, for I was desired (in case you Inclined to be an adventurer) to get you to sign the Articles and transmit an Account thereof to the next meeting of the Committee, which happens now about, the better to know when our number is compleated — you will be so good also as to propose this matter to Doctor Cockburne if you conceive it will meet his approbation — otherwise it will be unnecessary. My Sister presents her Compliments and gives Mrs. Fairfax Joy of her safe return to Virginia and Mrs. Washington joins in Compliments to both Families as doth, Dear Sir, etc.

### TO GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN AT ROCKY HILL

HEAD QUARTERS, MIDDLE BROOK, 21 June, 1777.

Dear Sir,

As the Enemy have taken their old Station between Brunswic and Amboy I think you had better resume yours at Rocky Hill to which place I shall order the Continental Troops of your Division tomorrow morning. You will take your Tents and Baggage with you and your Field pieces if you think proper. As I expect Genl. Dickinson here every moment I have delayed discharging the Militia till he arrives, as I want to settle some certain mode of

assembling them at proper places upon the shortest Notice.

From the latest advices the Enemy seem moving towards Amboy, this must be with an intent to embark either up the North River or for Philadelphia. You must therefore endeavour not only to procure intelligence from South Amboy and that Quarter by your Scouts, but agree with some of the inhabitants who are constantly upon the Spot to keep a look out and give you information of the arrival of Transports in the Bay of Amboy, the embarkation of Troops or Stores, and their sailing either towards the Hook or up the River towards New York. It will be of the greatest importance for us to get early intelligence whether their intentions are northward or southward.

A person was apprehended some little time ago near Ticonderoga, he had an anonymous letter for you, giving information of the Strength of the Enemy in Canada and their intentions; upon searching him strictly, a pass was found upon him from a Major Kirkland of the British Army, of so suspicious a Nature, that he was told the letter which he shewed must be only a cover, but that he must be upon some other errand, and was threatened with the severest punishment if he did not confess. Upon this he discovered another letter for you concealed in a Canteen with a false Bottom. You have the letter inclosed, from which it should seem that our Enemies are reduced to the pityful shift of trying the Arts of Flattery, Bribery and even intimidation. They must be ill informed for they thought you commanded at Ticonderoga.

General Schuyler proposed to draw Mr. Livius into a Trap by answering the letter as if from you, and I suppose endeavour to get from him a true account of their Expectation, Strength and intentions. I desired him, if he had not done it, to let you know, not only as I thought a matter of that nature required it, but if you chose any such thing should be done, you, from your knowledge of Livius, could give him some hints for a letter which would carry the Air of Reality. I think if Livius could be brought into a Correspondence he would fall into his own Snare, but that cannot be effected while you are at such a distance, for they will soon discover who commands. The Anonymous letter contained nothing more than what I take to be an exagger-

ated account of the Strength of the Enemy. The Messenger said it was delivered to him by one Robert Shannon, you will please to recollect whether you know such a person, for if you do not, the Fellow will probably suffer as a Spy, which I am inclined to think he is. I am, Dear Sir, etc.

P.S. General Wayne just sends me word that the Appearance of Tents at Brunswic is very small this morning from whence I conclude that there

has been a move last Night.

### TO MAJOR GENERAL HEATH AT BOSTON

Head Quarters, 15 Miles from Philadelphia, 22 October, 1777.

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with yours of the 9th and am glad to hear of the different arrivals of arms, tents and cloathing the latter of which is exceedingly wanted in this army, and I hope the agents will immediately forward the proportion intended for them. Major Nicholas who is just returned from the Eastward informs me, that a large parcel of lead has lately arrived at Boston upon private account. As that article is likely to become scarce, I desire it may be immediately purchased up and sent on to the Elaboratories. I have written to the board of war, and desired them also to direct the Continental agent to secure the lead.

I congratulate you upon the glorious success of our arms to the Northward. The complete captivity of Burgoigne and his army exceeds our most sanguine expectations. I have not yet heard of Sir Harry Clinton's falling down the North River again, but I should hardly imagine he would persist in his operations there after hearing of Burgoygne's destruction. The enemy have been busily employed ever since they got possession of Philadelphia, in endeavouring to remove the obstructions in the Delaware, but hitherto without effect. The day before yesterday they evacuated Germantown and withdrew within their lines just upon the environs of the city.

I have sent to Congress for commissions for Lee's and Jackson's regiments. If they come to this army they will be ready for them here, if they are by any means detained upon the North River, I will send them up to them.

I am, Dear Sir, etc.

#### TO COLONEL DANIEL MORGAN

HEAD QUARTERS, FREDERICKSBURG, 25 November, 1778.

Dear Sir,

You are to remain at Pompton untill the Rear Division of the Covention Troops has passed Chester on their Route to Sussex Court House. You are then to march to Middle Brook and receive directions from Quarter Master General for the position of the Brigade under your command in the line of encampment. The Regiment sent to Hackinsack is to remain there till ordered off or relieved. I am, Dear Sir. etc.

P.S. I have recd. yours of the 24th. When the Virginia Brigades are all assembled at Middle Brook I will consider of the expediency of granting

Furloughs to those who will reenlist.

#### TO BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM WOODFORD

Morristown, 8 December, 1779. 1/4 after 11 o'clock A.M.

Dear Sir,

I have this minute been honoured with a letter from Congress of the 4th Instant directing the troops of the Virginia line to be put in motion immediately. You will put every thing in train and march the whole, with their tents and baggage as soon as possible to Philadelphia where you will receive farther orders from Congress. You will apply to the Quarter Master General and take his direction as to the route and request him to furnish every thing that will be necessary to expedite your march. The Officers and men of the line with the light Infantry I shall order to proceed to Philadelphia and join their respective Regiments. I am, Dear Sir, etc.

### TO JOSEPH REED AT PHILADELPHIA

Morristown, 15 February, 1780.

Sir,

I am much indebted to your Excellency for announcing my election as a member of the Philosophical Society. I feel myself particularly honored by this relation to a society whose successful efforts for promoting useful knowledge have already justly acquired them the highest reputation in the literary world.

I entreat you to present my warmest acknowledgments, and to assure them that I shall with zeal embrace every opportunity of seconding their laudable views and manifesting the exalted sense I have of the institution.

The Arts and Sciences essential to the prosperity of the State and to the ornament and happiness of human life have a primary claim to the encouragement of every lover of his country and of mankind.

With the greatest respect and esteem, I am, etc.

#### TO GOVERNOR GEORGE CLINTON IN NEW YORK

Headquarters, Philadelphia, 5 March, 1782.

[A circular addressed to the governors of the Middle and Eastern States urging them, "with a view of terminating the War honorably and speedily," to draft "such a Body of Militia as the exigencies of service may require . . ." See Ford, Vol. IX, p. 454.]

#### TO DANIEL PARKER IN NEW YORK

HEADQUARTERS, 28 April, 1783.

Sir,

Being informed by Colonel Humphry, as well as by your Letter to me, that you have been induced to accept, for the present, the superintendence of

the Embarkation from N. York of the Tories and Refugees who are leaving the Country, and to prevent if possible, their carrying off any Negroes or other property of the Inhabitants of the United States; and having seen Sir Guy Carleton's Orders on this Head — I take the Liberty of enclosing to you a List and description of Negroes which has been sent me from Gov. Harrison of Virginia — and to beg that you will improve the Opportunity you will have, of obtaining and securing them agreeable to the Governor's Request, if they are to be found in the City. Your Endeavours will not only be very obliging to the Governor, but will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

Some of my own Slaves, and those of Mr. Lund Washington who lives at my House, may probably be in N. York: — but I am unable to give their Descriptions — their Names, being so easily changed will be fruitless to give you. If by Chance you should come at the knowledge of any of them, I will be much obliged by your securing them, so that I may obtain them again.

This Business which you have undertaken, altho troublesome to yourself, and as I imagine, very difficult in its Execution; yet, as I am persuaded you have accepted it from the best motives, will I hope, be of utility to the Subjects of the United States, and therefore cannot, I think, involve any impropriety of Conduct in your being concerned, untill Measures are adopted by Congress, for the Appointment of persons for this purpose. With much regard, I am, etc.

P.S. Since writing the above I have received a Letter from Mr. Lund Washington respecting *some* of his Negroes, a list of which with my own is

herewith inclosed.

### TO COL. HENRY B. LIVINGSTON

HEAD QUARTERS, 29 May, 1783.

Sir,

I am this Moment favored with your Letter of the 26th and in reply have to inform you, that it is probable the whole of the Levies will soon be discharged, and that in the mean time I have written to Colonel Willet respecting the case of Richard Dickenson; authorizing and directing, that he should be immediately dismissed; if upon an investigation any unfairness should appear to have been made use of by the recruiting Officer, or if the peculiarity of the circumstances should justify the measure. This is all I conceived myself justified in doing in the present situation of Matters, and I request you will believe I am with great regard, Sir, etc.

### TO GOVENOR JOHN E. HOWARD AT BALTIMORE

New York, 4 August, 1789.

Sir,

Agreeably to the Resolution of Congress of the 5th of June, I do myself the honor to transmit to your Excellency an Act for establishing an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs.

I have the Honor to be, etc.

### TO JOHN SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

UNITED STATES, 3 October, 1789.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to your Excellency a Proclamation for a general Thanksgiving, which I must request the favor of you to have published and made known in your State, in the way and manner that shall be most agreeable to yourself.

I have the honor to be, etc.

### TO THOMAS JEFFERSON

THURSDAY MORNING.

The enclosed meet my ideas in every respect, unless the words "and your expenses" in addition to the monthly allowance of 166 \(^2\)\_3 dollars should, notwithstanding the injunctive clause, open a wider door than is intended.

### TO SENATOR RICHARD POTTS

PHILADELPHIA, 20 July, 1794.

Sir.

A person has just called upon me (by direction he says) for an answer

to your letter of the 17th Inst.

I can do no more than acknowledge the receipt of it. It conveys the first information of the death of the late Collector of the Port of Baltimore; and I never decide in the first moments of such information, on a Successor; being desirous (and having so determined from the beginning of my administration) always to obtain a full knowledge of circumstances before I either nominate or in the recess of the Senate, appoint, persons to Office.

With great esteem, I am, etc.

### TO JOSEPH WHIPPLE AT PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Philadelphia, 28, November, 1796.

Sir,

Upon my return to this City, the latter end of October, after an absence of some weeks at Mount Vernon, Mr. Wolcott presented me with your letter

of the 4th of that month.

I regret that the attempt you made to restore the Girl (Oney Judge as she called herself while with us, and who, without the least provocation absconded from her Mistress) should have been attended with so little success. To enter into such a compromise with her, as she suggested to you, is totally inadmissable, for reasons that must strike at first view: — for however well disposed I might be to a gradual abolition, or even to an entire emancipation of that description of People (if the latter was in itself practicable at this

moment) it would neither be politic or just to reward unfaithfulness with a premature preference and thereby discontent beforehand the minds of all her fellow-servants who by their steady attachments are far more deserving than herself of favor.

I was apprehensive (and so informed Mr. Wolcott) that if she had any previous notice more than could be avoided of an attempt to send her back, that she would continue to elude it; for whatever she may have asserted to the contrary, there is no doubt in this family of her having been seduced, and enticed off by a French man, who was either really, or pretendedly deranged, and under that guise, used to frequent the family; and has never been seen here since girl decamped. We have indeed, lately been informed thro' other channels that she went to Portsmouth with a Frenchman, who getting tired of her, as is presumed, left her; and that she had betaken herself to the needle—the use of which she well understood—for a livelihood.

About the epoch I have mentioned she herself was very desirous of returning to Virginia; for when Captain Prescot was on the point of sailing from Portsmouth for the Federal City with his family, she offered herself to his lady as a waiter — and told her she had lived with Mrs. Washington (without entering into particulars) — and that she was desirous of getting back to her native place and friends. Mrs. Prescot either from not wanting a Maid Servant, or presuming that she might have been discarded for improper conduct, declined (unlucky for Mrs. Washington) taking her.

If she will return to her former service without obliging me to use compulsory means to effect it, her late conduct will be forgiven by her Mistress, and she will meet with the same treatment from me that all the rest of her family (which is a very numerous one) shall receive. If she will not you would oblige me, by resorting to such measures as are proper to put her on board a Vessel bound either to Alexandria or the Federal City — directed in either case, to my Manager at Mount Vernon; by the door of which the Vessel must pass —or to the care of Mr. Lear at the last mentioned place, if the Vessel should not stop before it arrives at that Port.

I do not mean however, by this request, that such violent measures should be used as would excite a mob or riot, which might be the case if she has adherents — or even uneasy sensations in the minds of well disposed citizens — rather than either of these should happen I would forego her Services altogether, and the example also which is of infinite more importance. The less is said beforehand, — and the more celerity is used in the act of shipping her when an opportunity presents, the better chance Mrs. Washington (who is very desirous of receiving her again) will have to be gratified.

We had vastly rather she should be sent to Virginia than brought to this place, as our stay here will be but short; and as it is not unlikely that she may, from the circumstance I have mentioned, be in a state of pregnancy. I should be select to have from you on this subject, and an esta-

should be glad to hear from you on this subject, and am, etc.

### Ten Books

The United States in World Affairs [4428.493] is the first volume of a series, which the Council on Foreign Relations proposes to publish annually, giving an account of American foreign relations during the preceding year. These works are intended "as a bridge between the past as recorded and interpreted by historians and the present as recorded and interpreted in newspapers, official documents, and other immediately available accounts." Such a history, it is further suggested, "is essentially an attempt to understand better the immediate present by setting it at once, with complete acknowledgment that the presentation is tentative, in some sort of historical order." The authorship of the first annual survey has been entrusted to Walter Lippmann and William O. Scroggs and the combination has proved a very happy one. Mr. Lippmann's felicitous style and power of generalization have found fruitful employment in the interpretation of the vast mass of data which was brought together by Mr. Scroggs. not only tone but also substance to this book, which with all its avowedly temporary character seems therefore more weighty and well-balanced than many an other work written with an aspiration to permanence. Of course, there were plenty of events in 1931 to summarize and comment upon. depression, the conditions in Latin America, the financial collapse of Central Europe, the German moratorium, the British crisis, the Hoover-Laval conference, the armaments and the League, and finally the invasion of Manchuria are the main topics. For the sake of convenience, quite rightly, the authors selected the assembling of Congress on the first Monday in December as the beginning of the American political year.

"We do not desire to create social or economic evils, to impose injustice and bring about war," Norman Angell writes in his new book The Unseen Assassins [7578.391], "but we apply policies in which those results are inherent because we fail to see the implication of the policies. Those unperceived implications are the Unseen Assassins of our peace and welfare . . ." The author believes that they would be visible to quite ordinary mental evesight, if this eyesight had not been artificially distorted. It is our education that is at fault. At school we learn all the odds and ends of history, but do not acquire any clear notion of that basic mechanism by which alone society can function. The process should be the reverse. The layman should learn a few simple, fundamental truths and the rest could be safely left to experts - just as in the field of medicine, where it is far more important for the ordinary man to know the principles of social hygiene than the details of a particular disease. Education has not only not helped us in the questions of government, but rather served to perpetuate our most dangerous fallacies.

Academic historians may scoff at J. H. Denison's latest book *Emotional Currents in American History*, yet the volume deserves attention. "If our development is determined by economic causes and by the growth of wealth and industry and agriculture," the author writes, "we must remember that back of all values is emotion — a desire of some sort." The book is not based on original research; the facts are taken from records of history as presented

by recognized authorities. Mr. Denison, however, studies the manner in which the emotions of the people have been manipulated and calls attention to the various emotional storms that have swept the nation from the middle of the last century to our day. — The call-number is 4227.358.

Three searching, penetrating studies one on Mesmer, one on Mary Baker Eddy, and a third on Freud - have been gathered into a volume entitled Mental Healers [7607.241] by the brilliant Viennese writer Stefan Zweig. "I have chosen three persons," the author writes, "who, going their several ways have worked upon the same principle and brought healing to hundreds of thousands: Mesmer, by means of suggestion, strengthening the will-to-health; Mary Baker Eddy, by the anaesthetic ecstasy of faith, conjuring pain and sickness out of the world; Freud, by rendering the patient aware of the conflict that burdens the unconscious and thus enabling him to escape its spell." This quotation indicates the author's approach and may be taken as a summary of his conclusions. Mesmer he regards as the first of the new psychologists and believes that mesmerism was equally influential upon the religious and mystical movement of mind cure, and upon the development of auto-suggestion. To the teachings of Mrs. Eddy he attributes a world-wide psychological significance, since, thanks to her, "healing by faith, (by mind, by imagination, call it what you please) will always remain of cardinal importance." Freud's great achievement consists in the fact that he brought back psychology to its proper field, to research into the kernel of the inner life. By this he has unwittingly fulfilled the inmost will of his time.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau [2646.152] by Matthew Josephson is a most readable, sympathetic and comprehensive account of the life and works of the great fore-runner of the French Revolution. What Rousseau did, the biographer rightly remarks, was to state the problem of civilization. "In his thought the

principle of democracy — so greatly tried to-day — was completed and crystallized; moreover, its technique was articulated, so that the poor, 'made very proud,' knew thereafter that they had little but their chains to lose." The nature and influence of the man is admirably summed up in the following lines: "Jean-Jacques Rousseau was a source-man, one who went back instinctively to the springs of life. Overwhelmingly a creature of emotion, he did not produce a 'cathedral of ideas,' but in his less systematic and more impassioned search unearthed an abundance of fresh material too rich and diverse for his own control. He was clairvoyant, and we feel that all his impulses were in the direction of life. where so many others move naturally toward coldness or silence or death. When he appeared, in literature, for instance, the drama, the novel, poetry. were all arid in France, expiring in the mould of an old decorum and a classicism hollower still. When he had gone, it is recognized, there was a romantic renascence in all these departments and in music and painting as well." It is to be regretted that the author has not devoted more space to Rousseau's works. There are a few fine chapters on the "Social Contract," "Heloise," "Emile" and also on the lesser essays, yet these are somewhat submerged in the immense mass of biographical detail. However, Mr. Josephson's primary purpose was to write a biography, and this he has achieved well.

In Superman, the Life of Frederick the Great [2849A.118] Nathan Ausubel has brought out to the full the drama of Frederick's career and the baffling paradoxes in his nature. Almost half the volume is given to the years while Frederick was Crown Prince. The conflict with his father, the estrangement from his mother, and the oppressive surroundings of the Prussian court are given as psychological explanations of the sadness and cynicism which characterised the king to the end of his life. His musical tastes, his hatred of women, his love of philosophers and

wits, and his contempt for the German language — these and other traits are brought out through numerous incidents and quotations from letters and conversations.

Looking Forward by Nicholas Murray Butler is a collection of brief addresses made recently on various occasions in this country and in Europe. Here, as in his previous essays, President Butler is a militant Liberal. In "The One and the Many" he sets over against the menace of Communism an enlightened liberalism, which would embrace socialistic tendencies. In an address on "Unemployment" he discusses the British compulsory unemployment insurance of 1911 and its later development into the dole system, and urges that unemployment insurance should be a state and not a federal concern. He attaches special importance to the lowering of tariff barriers. A strong advocate of disarmament. President Butler believes that high tariffs are "little better, if any, than military and naval armaments." — The call-number is 3567.737.

Man Comes of Age [3918.174] by John Langdon-Davies is an exposition of modern science in terms comprehensible to the layman. The author especially emphasises the difference between the world-picture as modern physicists see it and that of common sense. He explains briefly the critics of Euclidian geometry and the meaning of the space-time dimension. Both physicists and biologists now realize that every phenomenon is unique and that it is necessary to study "the life histories even of inanimate atoms." The second part of the book, which is concerned with the best way of living and attaining happiness in the light of the new knowledge, the author calls "The World of Make-Believe." This is what former moralists have called the world of ideals or values, and he insists that man is free to construct such a world to his greatest satisfaction as long as he does not fall into the error of believing that it has any reality.

In The Theory of Education in the United States [3595.487] Albert Jay Nock defends the "Great Tradition" in education — that is the disciplinary classical education in the secondary schools, formative and non-vocational study in college, and the idea of a university as primarily an association of scholars. Until about thirty-five years ago this educational system prevailed in the United States, but it was found incompatible with the equalitarian and democratic principle of everybody's being educable. Accordingly the system was changed to suit the demands of democracy: schools were adjusted to inferior capacities, and colleges and universities have become training-schools. Mr. Nock, it is needless to say, is in entire sympathy with Mr. Abraham Flexner's recent criticisms of American universities.

The French Primitives and Forms [\*4108.02-107] by Albert C. Barnes and Violette de Mazia is a scholarly work based on a first hand study of the paintings, and, according to the authors' preface, the only work of its kind. "No serious effort has ever been made," they write, "to disregard superficial resemblances in favor of a genuine plastic differentiation." plastic form, which the authors make the basis for their classification, they mean the artist's use of color and light, of space, line and composition for the purpose of rendering his own vision of a subject. With this in mind, and dis-regarding "features of subject-matter, sentiment and archaeological interest," they trace the various influences and traditions that have determined French painting from its fourteenth-century beginning to 1500. Notable among the early sources of influence are, besides the stained-glass windows, the miniaturists and the illuminators of manuscripts, to whom the early French painters owe their patterned gold backgrounds. The authors study in detail also the various foreign influences. The work is illustrated with beautiful reproductions.

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## Library Notes

The number of books published in America during 1931 has increased to 10,307 — a gain of 280 volumes over the previous year. This figure includes only bound books, without pamphlets, annuals, theses, etc. Out of the 10,307 books 1,801 were merely new editions. The increase over last year occurred in the field of new books; in the field of new editions there was even a slight falling off. The average output by week was 160, and the highest points were reached in March and October.

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Haller and the Humanization of Bibliography was the subject of the Annual Oration at the Boston Medical Library, given on January 19 by Dr. John F. Fulton, Sterling Professor of Physiology at Yale University. The address is printed in the February 18 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Albrecht von Haller was one of the most versatile minds of the eighteenth century. He achieved distinction, and exerted great influence, as an anatomist, physiologist, botanist, poet, romancer and bibliographer. A precocious child, at the age of ten he wrote in Chaldee, Greek and Hebrew. After studying at the Universities of Tübingen, Leiden, Oxford and Paris, in 1736 he became a professor at the newly founded University of Göttingen, where he taught for seventeen years. Besides his class work, he carried on his original investigations in many fields of the medical sciences and wrote thousands of articles. In 1753 he returned to his native Bern. His productivity during the next fifteen years, Dr. Fulton writes, is unparalleled in the annals of history. "First came

a period of important physiological monographs on embriology, the circulation, on reproduction, the bone formation, and on irritability; and then his staggering treatise on physiology in nine volumes." The last ten years of Haller's life were devoted to the compilation of his Bibliotheca medica four separate bibliographies dealing consecutively with botany (1771), surgery (1774), anatomy (1774), and medicine (1776). In each the materials are arranged chronologically, and after each title "there is a summary of the chief contents of the book with critical comments on the author's views, discoveries, remedies or anything else about the book that may be novel or interesting."

It is to this feature of Haller's great bibliography that Dr. Fulton has called attention with special emphasis. humanization of bibliography, he said, has come about very recently. "Within the past few years there has arisen in the world of letters a new attitude toward a vocation which in years gone by was regarded as a dismal and soulless science, involving listing of authors, titles, and the dates of books." Whereas formerly accuracy was regarded as the only prerequisite of bibliography, it is becoming more and more recognized that the fundamental service of bibliography is the indication of the contents of the books. Haller was the first fully to appreciate this need; he took the first great step toward the humanization of bibliography.

In the course of his oration Dr. Fulton paid a gracious compliment to the series of articles which have appeared in More Books on the fifteenth-century books of the Library.

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## Washington Bicentennial Exhibit

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HIS is a description of the exhibit that has been arranged in the Treasure Room of the Boston Public Library in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Washington's birthday. Nearly three hundred items - books, maps, broadsides, original letters and manuscripts — have been displayed in the cases: too many, indeed, for a detailed account in a single article. Only the most important items will there-

fore be reviewed here; and in a way that these notes may be useful also as a guide for the visitor to the exhibit.

The arrangement is mainly chronological. The earliest Washington item in the Library is a survey map, a plan with notes, made by Washington on November 9, 1750. "Pursuant to a Warrant from the proprietors office to Me directed I have Surveyed for Mr. Richard Stephenson a certain tract of waste and ungranted Land Situate in Frederick County and between the North and South Branches of Bulls Run . . ." the note reads and then the boundaries of the tract are fixed with great precision: "Beginning at 2 hickory Saplins near a broken topt red Oak Corner to his patent Land and run thence . . ." The terms of the measurement sound meaningless now; the plan, however, neatly

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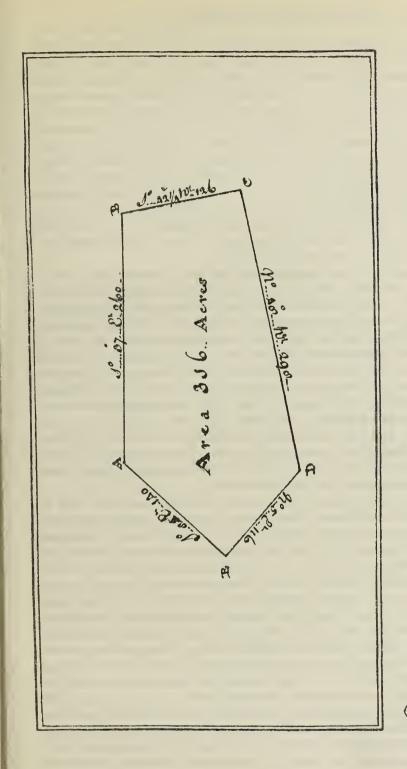
drawn by the young surveyor, is interesting and as a characteristic specimen of its kind it is reproduced here in facsimile. There are a number of similar survey maps in the Library of Congress and elsewhere; yet these humble products of Washington's early career fetch considerable prices to-day.

It was on 11 March 1748 that Washington, having barely passed his sixteenth birth-day, became a surveyor. First he was merely an apprentice, a companion of George William Fairfax, whom he accompanied on his journey beyond the Blue Ridge. But in July 1749 he had already secured a full commission — his first public office — as surveyor of Culpeper County. His duties often took him to other counties, and from the fall of that year on most of his work was done around Fredericksburg. On November 6, 7 and 8, 1750, as his notes in the Library of Congress show, he was surveying for his friend Colonel Fairfax. The property of Richard Stephenson, which he measured on November 9, was adjacent to the Fairfax lands.

Biographers agree that the three years of surveying were very beneficial for Washington's later career. His adventures on the frontier provided him with a practical knowledge of "the Western country," such as few of his contemporaries possessed; besides, his experiences among the pioneers sharpened his sense of observation and made him a mature man before he turned twenty. In 1752, upon the death of his brother Lawrence, he settled at Mount Vernon. Heir-presumptive to a large estate, he was fairly well-known in the Colony. His first important trust he received in October 1753, when he was sent by Governor Robert Dinwiddie to the Ohio Valley as a reconnoitering agent. The rivalry between the French and British had reached by then a critical point, and the Governor of Virginia was instructed to prepare, if necessary, for war. Notifying the Governor of Pennsylvania about the mission of his agent, Governor Dinwiddie described young Washington, a major of the Virginia forces, as "a man of distinction."

Washington acquitted himself of the trust with great success, and in recognition of his services he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of a regiment. Then in March 1754 he was ordered to march with his troops toward the Ohio, "there to aid Captain Trent in building Forts and in defending the possessions of his Majesty against the attempts and hostilities of the French." He set out at once on the expedition. On May 28 he defeated a French company at Great Meadows. "We killed Mr. de Jumonville, the Commander of the party, as also nine others; we wounded one and made twenty-one prisoners . . ." he wrote that day in a diary. On July 3, however, he was forced to surrender at Fort Necessity to a troop under Coulon de Villiers — a brother of Jumonville. In the haste of the evacuation he evidently left behind his notes. They were sent to France and were translated at once into French. This translation was printed in Paris in 1756 as part of a Mémoire Contenant le Pricis des Faits, a volume published by the French government in justification of the seizure of the Ohio region. The book may be seen in the exhibit.

The French volume was quickly retranslated into English and published in London. An edition was issued also in New York. The Library has a copy of the "Proposals" of the Philadelphia printer Chattin for publishing it by subscription. The "Journa' of Major Washington" is prominently mentioned in the contents,



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A SURVEY OF THE LANDS OF RICHARD STEPHENSON, MADE BY WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 9, 1750

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The Mémoire contains some vicious passages. "The Indians scalped the dead and took away the greater part of their arms, after which we marched on with the prisoners under guard to the Indian camp, where again I held a council with the Half-King . . ." Washington was supposed to have written in his diary after the battle at Great Meadows. And worse still, in the articles of capitulation he was obviously tricked into acknowledging that Jumonville was not killed in open battle but "assassinated." No wonder that he disclaimed the authorship of these papers. "I kept no regular Journal during the Expedition," he wrote in March 1757, after seeing a copy of the New York edition. "Rough notes of occurences I certainly took, and find them as certainly and strangely metamorphosed, some parts left out which I remember were entered and many things added that never were thought of . . ." He called the publication "very incorrect and non-sensical." One may remark here that the original manuscript of the note-book is lost.

The Virigina House of Burgesses voted thanks to Washington. But it was the following year that brought the occasion for the greatest achievement of the young soldier. War with the French was now inevitable, and in February 1755 General Edward Braddock arrived in Virginia to lead the campaign. In the next month Washington joined him as aide-de-camp, with the rank of colonel. He was ill during the march, but "tho' very weak and low" he took part in the battle of Fort du Quesne, now generally known as "Braddock's defeat." Three hundred Frenchmen completely routed there 1,300 Britishers, and it was due only to Washington's energy that the expedition was saved from complete annihilation. In spite of the "dastardly" cowardice of the regular troops, he succeeded in retreating in fair order with his Virginians. His personal heroism in the battle was boundless, and made him a famous man at once. Upon his return, a few weeks later, the grateful Colony commissioned him commander of the Virginia forces.

A reference to Washington's part in the Braddock campaign may be found in Samuel Davies's sermon Religion and Patriotism, preached on August 17, 1755, to Captain Overton's Company of Volunteers, raised in Hanover County, Virginia. Taking for his text the Scriptural exhortation "Be of good Courage, and let us play the Man . . ." (2 Sam. X, 12), and quoting for encouragement the victory of the Jews over the Ammonites, the good pastor appealed directly to the soldiers: "Has God been pleased to diffuse some Sparks of the Martial Fire through our Country? I hope he has. And though it has been almost extinguished by so long a Peace, and a Deluge of Luxury and Pleasure, now I hope it begins to kindle: and may I not produce you my Brethren, who are engaged in this Expedition, as Instances of it?" A star precedes the question mark and at the bottom of the page one reads the prophetic foot-note: "As a remarkable Instance of this I may point out to the Public that heroic Youth Col. Washington, whom I cannot but hope Providence has hitherto preserved in so signal a Manner, for some important Service to his Country." The Library's copy of the sermon was printed in London in 1756.

A broadside entitled *Proceedings of a Meeting of Freeholders of Augusta County, Va.* is the last item in the exhibit relating to the Colonial period of Washington's life. The meeting was held at Staunton on 22 February 1775, for the election of delegates to the impending Colony Convention. The election

over, the assembly instructed the new representatives: "We desire you to tender, in the most respectful terms, our grateful acknowledgments to the late worthy Delegates of the Colony, for their wise, spirited, and patriotic exertions in the General Congress and to assure them, that we will uniformly and religiously adhere to their Resolutions, prudently and generously formed for their country's good." This was in reference to the Address to the King, the petition of Congress to George III in October 1774. The new delegates of Augusta County, Thomas Lewis and Samuel McDowell, fulfilled their duty with glowing enthusiasm. The broadside also contains the reply of Washington and his six associates. "It gives us the greatest pleasure to find," they wrote, "that our honest endeavors to serve our country on this arduous and important occasion, have met with approbation, a reward fully adequate to our warmest wishes . . ."

II

The items relating to Washington's service as Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Army are, of course, especially numerous. A copy of *The New-England Chronicle* for July 6, 1775, contains the first news of his arrival in Cambridge: "Last Sabbath came to Town from Philadelphia, his Excellency George Washington, Esq; appointed, by the Continental Congress, General and Commander in Chief of the American Forces, and was received with every Testimony of respect due to a Gentleman of his real Worth and elevated Dignity . . ."

Following the news is printed the address presented to Washington by the Gentlemen of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts. "We wish you may have found such Regularity and Discipline already established in the Army, as may be agreeable to your Expectation," the delegates said; and then, apologizing: "The Hurry with which it was necessarily collected, and the many Disadvantages, arising from a Suspension of Government, under which we have raised, and endeavored to regulate the Forces of this Colony, have rendered it a Work of Time. And though in great Measure effected, the Completion of so difficult, and at the same Time so necessary a Task is reserved to your Excellency and we doubt not will be properly considered and attended to . . ." Washington's answer was both gracious and dignified. "The short Space of Time which has elapsed since my Arrival does not permit me to decide upon the State of the Army," he said. "The Course of human Affairs forbids an Expectation, that Troops formed under such Circumstances, should at once possess the Order, Regularity and Discipline of Veterans. Whatever Deficiencies there may be, will I doubt not, soon be made up by the Activity and Zeal of the Officers, and the Docility and Obedience of the Men . . ."

The problem, however, was not an easy one. The new Commander-in-Chief soon found out that all his time and energy were required for the establishment of discipline. The Orderly Book of Peter Scull, a second lieutenant of the Pennsylvania Rifle Batallion, gives a dramatic account of the process by which Washington accomplished his task. The book begins on July 7, and its very first paragraph reads: "It is with inexpressible Concern that the General, upon his first Arrival in the Army, should find an Officer sentenced by a general Court Martial to be cashiered for Cowardice . . ." Order after order tells of the court-martialling of officers and the punishments meted out to subalterns and

privates. The difficulties really exasperated Washington. His life, he felt, was "one continuous round of annoyance and fatigue." But by an immense effort he finally raised the *morale* of the Army, and on the first of August he already could send out his order: "The General thanks Major Tupper and the officers and soldiers under his Command for their gallant and soldier-like Behaviour in possessing themselves of the Enemy's post . . ."

Peter Scull's Orderly Book extends to October 26, 1775. But it would be needless to write more about it here. In the May 1927 issue of More Books a long article with a facsimile was devoted to a description of the volume.

The story of the Quebec Expedition may be read in the original Journal of Captain Dearborn, now on exhibit. It was on II September 1775 that the troops of Benedict Arnold, eleven hundred men, started out for the capture of Ouebec. After a fearful march through the Maine woods, the little army reached the city on November 13. Though reduced to five hundred men fit to fight, with an amazing audacity — with the most romantic indifference to the strength of the enemy — they announced their purpose at once. "Immediately after being full in their view," Captain Dearborn records, "we gave the garrison Three Huzzas, but they did not Chuse to come out to meet us . . . At Sun set Colonel Arnold sent a Flag to Town demanding the Possession of the Garrison in the name, and in behalf of the united American Colonies, but the Flag being fired upon was obliged to return . . ." The garrison, three times the number of the American troops, refused to come out, and fresh reinforcements from Montreal compelled Arnold to fall back. But after the arrival of General Montgomery, the two decided to take the city by storm. The description of the battle of December 31 occupies several pages in the Journal. "When I arrived at St. Rock's," the Captain wrote, "I met Colonel Arnold wounded borne, and brought away by two Men. He spoke to me and desir'd me to push on forward, and said our People had possession of a 4 Gun Battery - and that we should Carry the Town. Our Artillery were incessantly heaving Shells, with five Mortars from St. Rock's, and the Garrison were heaving Shells and Balls of all Sorts from every Part of the Town . . ." Unfortunately, Captain Dearborn's company soon lost its way in the darkness. They were close to some pickets, but he did not know whether they were British or American. "I was just about to hail them," he wrote, "when one of them hail'd me. He asked who I was, I answer'd a Friend. He asked me who I was a Friend to. I answer'd to Liberty, he then reply'd God-damn you . . ." The Captain and his men tried to shoot, but their guns were wet and did not go off. They were captured and taken to a convent. In retrospect, Captain Dearborn gives also an account of the death of General Montgomery and the failure to carry out Arnold's original plan. However, Arnold continued the siege until, in May, General Wooster retired from the city.

Henry Dearborn, the author of the Journal, was a native of Hampton, N. H. He was a doctor at Portsmouth, aged twenty-four, when the Revolution broke out. After the battle of Lexington, he joined the army at Cambridge at once. He served as major under Gates at Saratoga, and distinguished himself at the battle of Monmouth. After the War he became prominent in Congress, and during the Presidency of Jefferson, for eight years, he served as Secretary of War. In his later years he was Minister to Portugal.

The Quebec Journal is not in Dearborn's own handwriting. His corrections and additions, however, show that the manuscript passed under his eye, and the title itself reads "Journal Kept by Captain Henry Dearborn . . ."

The Boston Public Library also possesses three other Journals of Captain Dearborn. The first of these, from 25 July 1776 to 4 December 1777, consists of eight folio pages. The second, from 5 December 1777 to June 1778, is a quarto volume of 144 pages, the last seventy pages being accounts, receipts, and songs. The third journal, consisting of 47 pages, extends from 20 June 1782 to 1 March 1783. All three were published in the *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society*, 1886.

The Quebec Expedition, however, with all its incredible bravery, was merely a picturesque yet futile episode. The seat of War was in and around Boston. The Orderly Book of Captain Drury's Company, written at Roxbury and covering the period of 5 November 1775 to 1 January 1776, — and still better, the Orderly Book of Captain Stephen Badlam, kept at Headquarters at Cambridge from 1 January to 20 April 1776, record the events of the Siege of Boston.

The position of the armies, both British and American, may be seen on an excellent map, published in London, in March 1776, five days before the Evacuation. The nearest approach of the Rebels was behind the Roxbury Meeting House, "from whence," the explanatory note says, "they annoy the Sentries and Officers with small Arms, but seldom do any Execution." Rocky Hill, the next fortification of the Colonists, is described as "a Hill from whence the Enemy often fire Cannon into the Lines." And finally the works on Buggles Hill — with prophetic foreboding — are characterised as "a Strong Post of the Enemy, Fortified in appearance with great Judgment, and much elevated, from whence with a 24 Pounder they can just reach the Lines."

They did reach the Lines. On the same day when this map appeared in London, Washington received information that the British were preparing to evacuate Boston. He sent an order to the regiments at once to be ready "to march at a moment's Warning to whatsoever Place they may be Wanted." There were rumors that the British had infected the city with small-pox, and Washington, who himself had been afflicted by the disease twenty-five years before on his trip to the Barbadoes, took care to protect the health of his army. "As the Ministerial Troops in Boston both from Information and Appearance are preparing to Evacuate that Town," the entry in Captain Badlam's Orderly Book reads, "the General expressly orders that neither Officer nor Soldier presume to go in Boston without leave from the General in Chief at Cambridge or the Commanding General at Roxbury as the Enemy with a malicious Assiduity have spread the Infection of the Small pox through all parts of the Town. Nothing but the utmost Caution on our part can prevent that fatal Disease from spreading through the army and the Country to the Infinite Detriment of both . . ."

But Washington thought not only of the army, but also of the inhabitants of Boston. The warning, again, is addressed to the soldiers: "If upon the Retreat of the Enemy any person whatsoever is detected in Pillaging," it reads, "he may be assured the severest Punishment will be his lot. The unhappy Inhabitants of that distressed Town have already suffered too heavily from

the iron hand of Oppression. Their Countrymen will not be base enough to add to their Misfortune . . ."

#### III

The most conspicuous item in the exhibit is the medal given by Congress to Washington in commemoration of his "wise and spirited conduct in the seige and acquisition of Boston" — the only gold medal given by Congress to the Commander-in-Chief. It is a famous relic, known to every one interested in Washingtoniana. On the obverse of the medal appears a bust of Washington in profile, surrounded by the legend in Latin: Georgio Washington Supremo Duce Exercituum Adsertori Libertatis Comitia Americana. (The American Congress to George Washington Commander-in-Chief of its Armies Protector of Liberty.) The reverse shows Washington with four aides, all mounted and viewing from Dorchester Heights the town of Boston and the retreating British vessels; in the foreground are two cannon, and between the figures and the harbor is a fortified part of the Heights with troops deploying on the level below. The legend at the top reads: Hostibus primo fugatis (The enemy was at once routed), and under the design in horizontal lines: Bostonium Recuperatum, XVII Martii MDCCLXXVI. (Boston regained on March 17, 1776.)

It was on 25 March 1776, eight days after the evacuation of Boston, that Congress passed its vote about the medal. But the honor, as in the case of the medals granted to Generals Gates and Greene, remained on paper until the hostilities were over. Finally in 1784 Robert Morris, "Superintendent of Finance," was requested to see that the memorials should be executed.

The history of the making of the Washington medal, beyond the fact that it was the work of the Paris engraver Benjamin Duvivier, is little-known. The common assumption is that the arrangements with the artist were made by John Adams and his "two associates." The actual facts, however, are different and, for the sake of historical truth, they bear re-telling.

Having received from Congress his charge regarding the medals, Robert Morris entrusted the task to Colonel David Humphreys, one of the former aides of Washington, who had just been appointed secretary to the "Commissioners for Negotiating Treaties of Commerce with Foreign Powers" — that is to Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson. Colonel Humphreys left New York in July 1784 and arrived in Paris in September. He had a letter of introduction from Washington to Lafavette, and it was probably through the latter that he approached the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, asking this learned institution to supply suitable designs and inscriptions for the medals destined for Washington, Gates, and Greene. It is not known when Colonel Humphreys made his request, but the journals of the Academy show that the subject was first discussed at a meeting held on 8 April 1785. After a second and third meeting, the Academy named a special committee of four — with Barthelémy, Dupuy, Brotier, and Le Blond as its members — to prepare the sketches and texts. Within a few days, at a fourth meeting on April 26, the committee submitted the results of its deliberations, and these were forwarded at once to Colonel Humphreys.

From a letter of Colonel Humphreys to Washington, written in May 1785, one may learn that "the device and inscription" for the medal were furnished by the Academy. It seems, however, certain that by "device" the

Colonel merely meant a verbal suggestion, or at most an unpretentious sketch, and not a finished drawing. The Academy had never had any official draughtsman whose duty it could have been to prepare such a drawing, and there is little likelihood that it employed one merely for the occasion. Colonel Humphreys's letter mentions that the reverse of the medal was supposed to show the taking of Boston: "The American Army advances in good order towards the town which is seen at a distance, while the British army flies with precipitation towards the shore to embark on board the vessels with which the harbour is covered. In the front of the American Army appears the General on horseback in a group of Officers, whom he seems to make observe the flight of the enemy." The French original of this description was composed by the committee of the Academy — and this was probably all the committee had to do with the design.

The completion of the Washington medal (which alone is of interest here) was, however, delayed for a long time. In the fall of 1785 Jean-Antoine Houdon, the gifted French sculptor, was working at Mount Vernon on a statue of Washington, and it was understood that the head of this statue should be copied for the obverse of the medal — as was finally the case. Houdon's bust is perhaps the finest portrait of Washington, yet one may note that it was made ten years after the event which the medal was to commemorate, and therefore it does not represent Washington as he was at the time of the evacuation of Boston. In January 1786 Houdon returned to Paris, and at the end of the month Colonel Humphreys, who was then in London on his way back to America, wrote to Jefferson: "Now that there is no obstacle in commencing the medal for Gen. Washington, I could wish that you would send for Duvivier, who lives in the Old Louvre, and propose to him undertaking it upon exactly the terms he had offered, which I think were 2400 livres, besides the gold expense of coining. If he should not choose it, we must let it rest until Dupré shall have finished Gen. Greene's . . ." The negotiations, however, were successful, and Duvivier, "Graveur du Roi," finished the medal before the spring of 1780, and during the following summer included it among his works in the annual exhibit of the Royal Academy. When and by whom the medal was finally delivered to Washington is completely unknown. Jefferson left Paris in September 1789, before the closing of the exhibit; and there is no further mention of the medal in his correspondence.

It is obvious, therefore, that neither Benjamin Franklin nor John Adams had anything to do with the completion of the Washington medal. This is the more surprising because Franklin was a connoisseur of medals and, further, as a member of the *Académie des Sciences*, acquainted with the scholars who were to compose the inscriptions; and as to Adams, it was he who, ten years before, recommended to Congress that a gold medal should be awarded to Washington. The explanation for their indifference in the matter may lie in the fact that neither of them cared for Colonel Humphreys, whose appointment to the secretaryship of the Paris Commission they regarded as an imposition.

The executors of Washington's estate found the gold medal in the iron chest in which Washington was accustomed to keep his bonds and mortgages, stock certificates and other valuables. They appraised it as worth \$150, and

as equivalent to this sum it became the property of George Steptoe Washington, a nephew and one of the legatees of Washington. For nearly an hundred years the medal remainded in the family, until in 1876 the widow of George Lafayette Washington (grandson of George Steptoe Washington) sold it to fifty Boston citizens. "Feeling deeply that such memorial should be among the most cherished treasures of the city," these gentlemen, at the initiative of Robert C. Winthrop, subscribed one hundred dollars each for the purchase of the medal, which they presented to the City of Boston, "to be preserved forever in the Boston Public Library."

Besides the original gold medal, the Library has also the proofs in white metal; and also the proof of another small medal, showing a head of Washington with the legend "Georgius Washington." These proofs were acquired in 1888 in Paris from the descendants of Augustin Dupré, together with a number of drawings, models and dies relating to medals done by Dupré for the United States. It is certainly baffling to find the proofs of the Washington medal, the work of Duvivier, among the artistic remains of Augustin Dupré.

#### IV

Two show-cases are filled with original letters of Washington. These letters, with introductory notes, have been reprinted in the March issue of More Books. In the present number the last paragraphs of the letter written by Washington in November 1796 about an absconded colored maid-servant of Mrs. Washington are reproduced in facsimile.

The Boston Public Library possesses also the original paroles of the officers of the armies of Lieut.-General Burgoyne and Major-General Baron Riedesel, captured at Saratoga. The surrender occurred on October 17, 1777, and five days later the General Court of Massachusetts was officially informed of the coming of the prisoners to Cambridge. For, in accordance with the "Convention" made between Burgovne and Gates, the officers and men were to be quartered "in, near, or as convenient as possible to Boston, that the march of the troops may not be delayed when transports arrive to receive them." In the second week of November the British and Hessian soldiers, over five thousand men, began pouring into Cambridge. General Heath, the commander of Boston, was the natural guardian of the prisoners, and therefore it became his task to find quarters for them. The story of the confinement of the captured troops, until they were transported to Charlottesville, Va., need not be told here. Heath tried his best to fulfill the articles of the Convention and was mortified at the treatment of the prisoners. It was also his duty to take the parole of the officers, as this had been stipulated by Article XI of the Convention.

The documents — because separate papers were made out for the British and the Hessian officers — were signed on December 13. "We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed," the parole begins, ". . . do promise and engage on our Word and Honor, and on the Faith of Gentlemen to remain in the Quarters assigned us for our Residence in Cambridge, Watertown, Medford and Charlestown in the State of Massachusetts Bay, and at no time to exceed or pass the following Limits . . ." Then the boundaries are described, with references

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THE LAST PARAGRAPHS OF WASHINGTON'S LETTER TO JOSEPH WHIPPLE, WRITTEN ON NOVEMBER 28, 1796

to various roads, taverns, ponds and bridges. The signatures of the British officers occupy three columns and are headed by those of Lieut.-General Burgoyne, Major-General Phillips and Brig.-General Hamilton; and at the head of the signatures of the Hessians are those of Baron Riedesel and Brig.-Generals Specht and de Gall. The documents were presented to the Library in 1864 by J. Wingate Thornton, who had acquired them from a grandson of General Heath.

There are several other items in the exhibit relating to Burgoyne's surrender. The broadside Song made on the taking of General Burgoyne may be regarded as a genuine expression of the joy which the news from Saratoga aroused, coming shortly after the defeats at Brandywine and Germantown. Washington's Letter to Burgoyne (printed in London in 1778), written before the latter's departure, wishing him "a safe and agreeable passage, with a perfect restoration of his health," is a characteristic specimen of Washington's courteous, dignified epistolary style.

The story of the battle of Monmouth is told by Washington himself in his letter to Congress. This report, written on I July 1778, was first printed in the *Pennsylvania Packet*; it was re-published in Boston in the July 23 issue of the *Continental Journal*, a copy of which may be seen in the exhibit. Washington was the hero of the battle of Monmouth, which he turned, in spite of the treason of General Lee, from failure into victory. "I never saw the General to so much advantage," wrote the critical Alexander Hamilton enthusiastically; and Lafayette exclaimed: "I thought I had never seen so superb a man!"

Naturally, more than one ditty celebrated the victory. The one beginning Saw Ye My Hero George is placed in the mouth of Lady Washington, who, according to the broadside, shortly before the battle left Mount Vernon "in expectation of meeting her worthy companion."

With 1779 the South became the scene of the most important events of the War. In the last days of 1778 the British captured Savannah and pushed into the interior of Georgia. General Benjamin Lincoln, appointed by Congress commander of the Southern forces, undertook to drive the enemy out of the State, but after the battle at Stone Ferry he was compelled to retire to Charleston. In the following September the French fleet arrived at Savannah under Count d'Estaing, and on October 9 the American and French forces made a joint attack on the city. The charge was repulsed with great losses. Count Pulaski, the commander of a cavalry company, was mortally wounded. After the defeat Count d'Estaing re-embarked his troops and sailed away for the West Indies, while General Lincoln returned to Charleston.

Sir Henry Clinton was now convinced that the War could be won only in the South. In December he sailed from New York with a large army to join General Prevost at Savannah. In March he moved to Charleston and cut off the city from the forces which Congress sent for relief. After a siege of six weeks, on May 12, General Lincoln was forced to surrender with his five thousand men. He was admitted to his parole, and in the summer he returned to his farm in Hingham. (Later he was exchanged and joined the army under Washington.)

Two Letter-Books of General Lincoln, now on exhibit, tell the insidestory of the disastrous Southern campaign, with the constant bickerings between General Lincoln and Governor Rutledge of South Carolina. The first volume consists of 208 pages and the second of 67 more. The two together cover the period of August 6, 1778 to November 28, 1780.

Congress was naturally alarmed by the events at Charleston, and hurriedly sent down some improvised troops to check the British advance. Sir Henry Clinton was back in New York, leaving Cornwallis, his ablest general, in command. The battle of Camden, in which the American forces under Gates were completely routed further increased the despair. But 1781 brought fresh hopes for the Colonists. General Morgan's brilliant success at Cowpens in January, and General Greene's stubborn stand in the battle of Guilford Court House, near Greensboro, N. C., showed the mettle of the American army.

In April Cornwallis marched into Virginia with his sadly depleted force. Greene fought in the South, clearing the British out of the Carolinas, and Washington was up on the Hudson. Cornwallis in the meantime was strengthened by the troops of Benedict Arnold and Major-General Phillips, so that his army was again raised to seven thousand men. Not being able, however, to prevent the union of the forces of Lafayette and Anthony Wayne, he retired to Yorktown, which he began to fortify. It was at this time, on August 14, that Washington received news from the French admiral De Grasse that he would sail for the Chesapeake for united action against Cornwallis. He set out at once for Virginia and the French land troops followed. They arrived at Yorktown in the last days of September.

A little volume in the exhibit, the Orderly Book of Captain John Hathorn. contains the general orders and detailed instructions for the army of Lord Cornwallis, from June 28 to October 19, the day of the final surrender. This is the only Orderly Book of a British company in the Boston Public Library.

The siege of Yorktown was brief. The combined American and French forces rapidly occupied the outlying posts, and on the 14th and 15th two British redoubts were carried by assault, one by the Americans led by Alexander Hamilton, and the other by the French led by Lieut.-Colonel G. de Deux-Ponts. About these reverses the Orderly Book is remarkably silent. For the 16th, however, there is the following entry: "Lord Cornwallis Returns his warmest thanks to Lt. Colonel Abercrombie who Commanded the Sorti this Morning, to Lt. Colonel Leak and Major Armstrong who Conducted the Two Divisions and to the officers and soldiers who were Employed under his Command. The Complete Success with which this Expedition was Crowned and the small Loss Sustained by our Troops, are due to the Zeal and the attention of the officers, and the Coolness, Spirit, and Obedience of the Soldiers. The behavior of the Detachment of the Royal Artillery, who Spiked Eleven of the Enemy Canon deserves Particular Notice." But Cornwallis knew best that all these efforts were useless. The night after the sortie he attempted to escape with his troops, but without success. The following day he offered capitulation, and on the 19th his whole army surrendered to Washington.

The British commander's farewell to his troops is the last entry in Captain Hathorn's Orderly Book: "Lord Cornwallis cannot sufficiently express his gratitude," the order reads, "to the Officers and Soldiers of the Army for their good Conduct on every occasion since he has had the honor to command them, but particularly for the extraordinary Courage and Perseverance in the Defence of this Post. He sincerely laments that their Efforts have not

been successful, but the powerful Artillery which was opposed to them could not be resisted, and the Blood of the Bravest Men would have been shed in vain. Lord Cornwallis did every thing in his Power to procure for the Soldiers the Terms of being sent to Europe. Since those could not be obtained, he has taken every means to secure to them good Treatment during their Captivity, and will pay the greatest attention to their being supplied constantly with Necessarys until their Liberty can be procured . . ."

#### V

With the surrender at Yorktown the War operations ceased. But it took a year before the preliminary articles of peace were signed, and another ten months before, on the 3rd of September 1783, the final treaty was concluded.

The last events of the War, too, may be studied in original documents in the Library. The Orderly Books of Colonel Thomas Grosvenor, a set of nine volumes, extend from June 30, 1779 to October 25, 1782. The last order in the last volume was issued at Verplank Point on the Hudson. During the three years and four months which they cover these nine volumes wandered to innumerable places and recorded innumerable events. The orders occupy over two thousand pages.

The Orderly Books of Colonel Grosvenor rank in importance with the best Orderly Books that have remained from the period. Yet their very existence is comparatively unknown. It is hoped that in a future issue of More Books they can be more fully described.

Thomas Grosvenor himself never rose to great prominence. Yet he was a sturdy soldier who fought in the Revolution from beginning to end. A native of Pomfret, Conn., and a graduate of Yale, he was among the first to enlist in the Continental Army. Marching with his company to the Camp around Boston, he served as Second-Lieutenant in General Putnam's Third Regiment, and was slightly wounded at Bunker Hill. Subsequently he became Colonel and was made commander of a regiment. Washington once in a general order expressed to him his thanks "for the great propriety and attention" with which he discharged his duties. He died in his village in 1825, aged about eighty.

Washington retained his commission until 23 December 1783, when in a memorable scene he resigned it before Congress, then in session at Annapolis, Md. A few months before he took leave of the several States. His Newburgh Address — a circular letter which he sent in June to the governors, from the headquarters at Newburgh — was written in a tone which no one but the future "Father of his Country" could have adopted. "There are four things which I humbly conceive are essential to the well-being, I may even venture to say, to the existence of the United States as an independent power," Washington wrote, and he proceeded to detail: "Ist. An indissoluble union of the states under one federal head. 2dly. A sacred regard to public justice. 3dly. The adoption of a proper peace establishment. And, 4thly, The Prevalence of that pacific and friendly disposition among the people of the United States, which will induce them to forget their local prejudices and politics . . ." Under the second heading he particularly urged the fulfillment of promises made to the Army. "It is the price of their blood, and of your independency; it is there-

fore more than a common debt, it is a debt of honor," he argued. The letter exists in several original editions in the Library; the one printed at Fish-Kill is especially rare.

The Farewell Address of the Commander-in-Chief to the army was issued on November 2, 1783, from Rocky-Hill, near Princeton. Bidding "an affectionate — a long farewell" to his comrades, Washington's voice rises to genuine eloquence at the end: "May ample justice be done them here, and may the choicest of Heaven's favors both here and hereafter attend those, who under the divine auspices, have secured innumerable blessings for others. With these wishes, and this benediction, the Commander-in-Chief is about to retire from service. The curtain of separation will soon be drawn, and the military scene to him will be closed forever." The Answer of the Officers is full of resentment against Congress, which was reluctant to pay the promised half-pay or commutation. "Most gladly would we cast a veil on every act which sullies the reputation of our country," the veterans wrote, "even from our memories should the idea be erased." But toward their Chief they have only sentiments of gratitude.

Here should perhaps be mentioned "the four great documents" of the Library — the Address to the King (1774), the Declaration of Independence (1776), the Articles of Confederation (1777), and the Constitution (1787). They consist of careful reprints of the best texts of the originals, to which are affixed the autographs of all the signers. Only the first and the last documents were signed by Washington; at the time of the making of the second and the third he, as Commander-in-Chief, was naturally excluded from a civil function. These four documents, as also the paroles of the officers of the British and Hessian armies captured at Saratoga, are at present included in the Washington Exhibit at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. After the first of May they will be returned to the Library and placed on view in the Treasure Room.

#### VI

One of the most spectacular incidents of Washington's administration was the so-called "Whiskey Insurrection." Congress enacted in 1791 an excise law on domestic spirits which several States, where many small whiskey stills existed, bitterly resented. The revenue officers were often badly treated by the populace, and in Western Pennsylvania particularly the movement developed into riots. Washington finally decided to quell the rebellion. George Washington, President of the United States, do hereby command all persons, being insurgents . . . and all others it may concern, on or before the first day of September next, to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes . . ." his Proclamation, issued in August 1794, sounded. The mob, however, became reckless in its confidence. The acts of violence continued, whereupon in September Washington called out a militia of over ten thousand men against them. The insurgents submitted without bloodshed. The episode proved a comparatively calm affair, yet not without far-reaching consequences. It happened for the first time that the President used federal force to subdue lawlessness in the States, and the suppression of the insurrection was therefore regarded as a proof of his powers. Indeed, the Democrats believed that the whole incident was provoked for this very purpose by the Federalists themselves.

The whole story of the insurrection is told, by the publication of the documents, in The *Proceedings of the Executive . . . Respecting the Insurgents, 1791*, printed in Philadelphia in 1795. The Boston Public Library has the volume, as also the original printed copies of Washington's proclamations on the rebellion.

The agitation over foreign affairs never seemed to stop during Washington's second term of Presidency. Led by Jefferson, the Democrats wished to support France in her war against England; while the sympathies of the Federalists, headed by Hamilton, were distinctly with Great Britain. Washington's Proclamation of Neutrality was a victory for the Federalists and aroused bitter anger among the Democrats. Philip Frenau's National Gazette vehemently accused Washington of partiality. Pamphlet followed pamphlet, attacking or defending the government. James Madison, Benjamin Franklin Bache, Thomas Paine were the boldest among the critics; Hamilton, writing under the pseudonym of "Pacificus," was "a host in himself." The excitement ran high, not only in the press, but also in Congress and on the street. The execution of Louis XVI checked the French sympathies for a time, yet soon these were loud again. The indiscretions of Edmond Charles Genêt, the new French ambassador, were needed to swing sentiment over to the British side. At the end of 1703 Jefferson resigned his office as Secretary of State, and though his successor, Edmund Randolph, was leaning towards the Democrats, Hamilton's influence was rapidly increasing. At his recommendation, John Jay was sent to England as minister from the United States. And Jay worked efficiently. By the end of November 1794 he concluded A Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation with Great Britain. In the following June, despite the virulent opposition of the Democrats, the Treaty was ratified by the Senate.

About twenty pamphlets relating to the controversies of these difficult years are included in the exhibit. Madison's Letters of Helvidius, originally published in 1793 and reprinted in 1796, is a vehement criticism of the President's Proclamation of Neutrality. A Vindication of Mr. Randolph's Resignation, printed in Philadelphia in 1795, leads into a veritable hornet's nest of intrigues. A dispatch of the French minister Jean-Antoine Fauchet to his home government, in which Randolph was charged with being purchasable, was intercepted by the English and submitted through their minister, George Hammond, to President Washington. Randolph, protesting his innocence, resigned his office at once. Then obtaining from Fauchet a retraction of the false charges, he wrote his pamphlet. Thomas Paine's Letter to George Washington, printed in 1796, seems to have no limit in its vindictiveness and abuse. Paine was answered, only in a much cruder and clumsier fashion, by William Cobbett in his Letter to the Infamous Tom Paine. There are several other pamphlets from the pen of this devoted advocate of the government. His A New-Year's Gift to the Democrats, printed in 1796, was directed against Randolph's Vindication. William Cobbett, who signed himself as Peter Porcupine, edited a paper called Political Censor. The whole issue for November 1796 was given to "Observations on the Insolent and Seditious Notes, communicated to the People of the United States by the late French minister Adet."

Washington's own person was in no way spared in these quarrels. Albert Gallatin, Benjamin Franklin Bache, and James Monroe all had some-

thing unpleasant to say about "the Conduct of the Executive in the Foreign Affairs." Monroe's View, laying before the public the instructions which he received while he was minister to the French Republic, had the greatest weight among these publications. The policy of the government, on the other hand, was vigorously defended by the Review of the Administration since the Year Ninety-Three, printed "for general information" in 1797. The controversies re-echoed throughout the country — and the country was overwhelmingly with Washington. In a characteristic oration pronounced at Salem on February 22, 1797, Benjamin Pickman, Jun., referred in these words to him and his detractors: "Thy fame, Illustrious Patriot, is placed infinitely above the reach of their shafts. Thy virtues shall be celebrated by the most distant ages, while the calumnies of thy enemies shall perish with the party spirit which produced them . . ."

From the last year of Washington's service as President dates the message which accompanies the Memorial of the Commissioners appointed for the founding of the City of Washington. The commissioners — Gustavus Scott, William Thornton, and Alexander White — respectfully submit that they surveyed and "by proper metes and bounds defined and limited a district of territory ten miles square, on both sides of Potomac river, including the towns of Alexandria in Virginia, and Georgetown in Maryland, for the permanent seat of the United States." Then they give a more precise description of the territory. It extends from "the east side of Rock creek, at a stone standing in the middle of the said road to a stone standing on the east side of Reedy Branch of Goose Creek; thence south easterly . . . to a stone standing in the road leading from Bladensburgh to the Eastern Branch ferry; thence south to a stone eighty poles north of the east and west line drawn from the mouth of Goose Creek to the Eastern Branch; thence with the waters of the Eastern Branch, Potomac River, and Rock Creek to the beginning . . ."

Of Washington's Farewell Address there are fifteen different editions in the Library, all printed in 1796. There are also about twenty other editions printed before 1800. Only the 1796 editions have been placed on view in the exhibit; one may mention those published by John Russell in Boston, by Samuel and John Adams at New-Castle, by William Barrett at Newburyport, by John March at Norwich, by Young and Minns in Philadelphia, by J. Debrett in London, and by J. Mundell at Edinburgh. Criticisms of the Address, such as William Duane's Strictures, were not wanting, yet its wide-spread reprinting alone shows how deep an impression it made at once upon the people.

Washington's Letter to President John Adams, notifying Congress of his acceptance of the commission of Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and written from Mount Vernon on July 13, 1798, may be regarded as his last political statement. This little four-page pamphlet signifies a deep-lying change in American public opinion. Instead of helping France against England, as might have been the case in 1793, the United States were on the brink of war against the French Republic. "It was not possible for me to remain ignorant, or indifferent to, recent transactions," Washington wrote. "The conduct of the Directory of France towards our country; their insidious hostility to its government; their various practices to withdraw the affection of the people from it; the evident tendency of their acts and those of their agents, to counter-

nance and invigorate opposition; their disregard of solemn teaties and the laws of nations; their war on our defenceless commerce; their treatment of our Ministers of Peace; and their demands amounting to tribute; could not fail to excite in me corresponding sentiments with those my countrymen have so generally expressed in their affectionate addresses to you . . ." Accepting the commission, his only request was that he must not be called into the field until the army was in a situation to require his presence.

Even the Last Will of Washington, though it was chiefly concerned with the disposal of his private property, elicited great interest. The testament was first printed in Washington's home town, Alexandria, and it was in no time reprinted at Boston, Worcester, Portland, Philadelphia, and many other places. The collected editions of Washington's main addresses, preceded by a biographical sketch, soon followed under such titles as America's Legacies and Monuments of Patriotism.

#### VII

Washington's death was received, of course, with nation-wide mourning. The partisan passions of the last few years were silenced and a wave of sadness swept the country. The newspapers were filled with reports about the death of the President. Yet the Salem Gazette for December 27, 1799, two weeks after the death took place, carries the notice in an inside column: "It was our lot, at the moment our last paper was going to press, to be arrested in the progress of the business by the unspeakably distressing intelligence of the death of our beloved and revered George Washington, the Friend and Ornament of Mankind," the news begins, and it continues: ". . . This sudden and unexpected stroke of mortality is felt as a National Calamity: it is not a family, a city, a state — but an Empire — that is mourning . . . In despair we cry: Where shall we find another Washington? Where is an Elisha, to receive the mantle of our departed Elijah?" The Massachusetts Mercury, the Columbian Centinel, and the Weekly Museum, shortly afterwards, devoted almost their entire space to articles about Washington.

There are also about a half dozen broadsides in the exhibit, among them: Lady Washington's Lamentation; The Death of Washington, and Lamentation for Gen. Washington. The poetry is crude and the woodcuts are still cruder; yet these broadsides express well the deep popular feeling which the death of the First President aroused throughout the country.

But the funeral orations and eulogies, delivered within the three months of the national mourning, are the most significant testimonials of the effect of Washington's death. From the small mountain towns of Vermont and New Hampshire to the villages of the Southern coast and the Mississippi, mourning services were held everywhere for the dead leader. No less than 346 eulogies are known to have been written between December 1799 and February 1800, and many of the addresses — like the one composed by Henry Lee — were delivered in several places. The orations of the clergymen were usually printed at the expense of the town, and what is best, they were printed in the town itself, or if no printer worked there, in the printing shop of a neighboring locality. Therefore, in these eulogies we have the most authentic pieces of American oratory as it flourished in 1800, as well as representative specimens of American printing at that time.

The Boston Public Library possesses a very large collection of these funeral orations and eulogies. The number of original editions owned by the Library is nearly 250, and the rare later reprints and duplicates may bring the count up to 350 items. About thirty copies have been included in the exhibit.

It is difficult to see these booklets without emotion. In their brown, green and blue paper covers they are no masterpieces of the printer's art, yet quaint and homely as they are, the crowded title-pages are arranged with taste, the pages are well-proportioned, and the margins are generous. Luckily, many of these pamphlets have escaped the binder's knife; the pages are frayed, but they are intact, indeed in many cases they are altogether unopened. The towns of Massachusetts are best represented in the group. Of course, most of the villages had to turn for help to the printing offices of Boston, Salem, Lynn, or Newburyport, but there are enough items to show the activities of the printers of such communities as Ipswich, Leominster, Haverhill, and Greenfield. The history of printing in Massachusetts would not be complete without these charming booklets.

Neither should their contents be passed over without due attention. Here are hundreds of papers written on the same theme by persons representing every section of the country — an admirable chance to test the level of the performance.

The number of Washington biographies is enormous. A copy of Parson Weems's History of the Life and Death, Virtues and Exploits of General George Washington printed in 1800 at Elizabethtown, begins the series. Then follow the five-volume Life by John Marshall, and the works of David Ramsay, John Corry, Washington Irving . . . up to the biographies by Worthington Chauncey Ford, John Corbin, Rupert Hughes, and — perhaps the latest of all — the George Washington of Professor Louis Martin Sears. But it would be difficult to tell which is the latest Washington biography. A new volume is produced almost every month.

The Washington Collection of the Boston Public Library — as the exhibition may show — is rich in items of great rarity and value, such as would whet the appetite of the most fastidious book hunter. The distinguishing mark of the Collection, however, lies in its comprehensiveness and variety, and in the opportunities which it offers for research. In it the student may find plenty of information about every phase of Washington's life and activities.

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# Ten Books

Oswald Spengler's Man and Technics [5567.360] is only an essay, yet it tackles so many fundamental questions and is so full of dogmatic, sweeping assertions that it is difficult to summarise its contents in a brief space - and also state one's inevitable reservations. It is important to remember that by Technics (with capital letter) the author does not mean merely the technics of the machine age. "Technics is the tactics of living" - those tactics which are employed by every free-moving animal in its struggle for life. It naturally follows that Technics is not to be understood in terms of the tool. "What matters is not how one fashions things, but what one does with them; not the weapon, but the battle." Now from the point of view of the Technics (or tactics) of their living, animals are either herbivores or carnivores, members of a herd or beasts of prey. The animal of prey is, the author insists, the highest form of mobile life, and "it imparts a high dignity to Man, as a type, that he is a beast of prey." Of course, there are herbivorous men (and not only the vegetarians at that); but those specimens of the species who are born to lead are invariably carnivores. The flower of mankind may therefore be justly compared to a pack of beasts. Among his other characteristics, such an animal never tolerates an equal in his den - which should explain in itself "the truly royal idea of property . . ." So the author inculcates into the reader the right understanding and appreciation of the master-mind as it manifests itself in various forms throughout the ages. In our time the great engineers and business men (and certainly not the literary chatterers and scribblers) are these master-minds, but

there are indubitable signs that the expansive "Faustian" thought of Nordic Man is becoming weary. "The flight of the born leader from the Machine is beginning." What next? Frankly, the author cannot hold out any hope. For the colored races, among which he generously includes the Russians, the Faustian technics of machinery is merely an instrument and not a spiritual need. Western civilization is doomed, "optimism is cowardice." However, we ought to die bravely, sticking to our posts.

It may be noted that the author, as he himself states at the outset, deduces this philosophy of his "from the soul, and that alone." In passing, it is true, he remarks that "it is one of the most fateful consequences of the human spirit of enterprise that the population multiplies." Where formerly a few hundred roamed, there are now squeezed in ten thousand, even a million people . . . It seems that having pointed out this fact the author does not sufficiently take into account its significance. That the population of the world is so many times larger now than it was in earlier ages is the most fundamental fact of history, and contrary to all reveries concerning the beauties of primitive life, this immutable fact inevitably dictates a new form of living, no matter whether this new form be agreeable or vastly unpleasant.

Man and Technics is good reading; surely, it is challenging enough to keep one's interest alert. The author of "The Decline of the West" can make an exceptionally good use of the analogy and the metaphor. But his bold comparisons, suggestive as they are, must be taken with caution. Fundamentally, Spengler is not so far from Keyserling. The core of the philosophies of both is a worship of masterful in-

dividualism. The differences are chiefly in manner — the one is discursive and cynically paradoxical, and the other explicit and solemnly ponderous. Keyserling is a Baltic baron, and Spengler is a former high-school teacher.

The History of the Russian Revolution [3069.883] by Leon Trotsky is known to multitudes of people, having been first published, at least a large portion of it, in serial form in "The Saturday Evening Post." Without any reference to the political position of the author, and to the historical part which he played in the Revolution, one may readily acknowledge that the book is a brilliant piece of work, very likely the most significant chronicle (at least that has come to the attention of the Western reader) of the events that took place in Russia in the first half of 1917. The subject is the overthrow of Tzarism; that is, the February Revolution, with the last few months of the Monarchy and the first few months of the Provisional Government. The story is carried to the "July days," when the collapse of the offensive on the front showed that Russia was totally incapable of continuing the War, and when the Bolshevik minority, rapidly increasing in number and aggressiveness, began its drive for power. Anticipating, as natural, the charge of partiality, the author makes in time a clever counter-thrust: "The serious and critical reader will not want," he writes, "a treacherous impartiality, which offers him a cup of conciliation with a well-settled poison of reactionary hate at the bottom." Not impartiality, but objectivity was the author's aim. and one must admit - whether one agrees with his method of interpretation of history or not — that there is nothing objectionable in the temper of the book. That animosity, that spirit of petty revenge, which marred the author's autobiography is happily absent from this volume. There are character sketches here, and many of them excellently done, but no malicious caricatures. And more important than the individuals is the people. Not the

individual but the namcless mass is the hero of the book. One must also note that the author relies on documents and records, not merely on personal impressions and memories. As a matter of fact, the larger part of the book deals with events in which the author did not participate at all. One wonders, how he was able to write the book, living in exile on a little Turkish island, and having no access to historical archives. Max Eastman's version of the book has a natural freshness, force and speed that sets a standard in translating.

The biography of Stalin [3069.959], by Essad-Bey, lies peacefully side by side with Trotsky's account of the Revolution. The book is of generous proportions, but it cannot be said that it has a corresponding amount of value. Its style is too picturesque, its imagery is too over-heated, to allow room for sobriety of judgment. Those who look for meticulous psychological study, placed in an historical and economical perspective, will probably be disappointed. The book, however, is not without interest. There is information in it, especially in the chapters dealing with the early life of Stalin - with his childhood in a Georgian village, his school years in a theological seminary, his first revolutionary activities among the workingmen at Tiflis, his part in the Revolution of 1905, his years in Siberia and exile, his visits to Lenin at Zurich and his stay at Gorky's "School of Communism" on the island of Capri.

Edward Dean Sullivan, a Chicago journalist, has written a biography of Benedict Arnold. The author's chief qualifications, it seems, for undertaking the work were that he was born at New Haven, not far from the apothecary shop in which Arnold once worked; and that at Chicago he had an exceptionally good opportunity for studying the type of racketeer, with whom he classes Arnold. The other claim, put forward by the author, that he has done "a casual, but continuous research of approximately thirty years" on the sub-

ject, must not be taken too seriously. If Mr. Sullivan expended any considerable amount of labor on his book, he certainly possessed the art of concealing it. But so intensely interesting was the personality of Benedict Arnold and so dramatic was his career that any book about him commands attention. As to the contradictions of Arnold's character - with its curious combination of genius and superficiality, amazing personal courage and lack of moral scruples - the author does not offer any penetrating analysis. A good biography of Arnold, based on thorough documentation and stripped of sentimentality or sensationalism, would be worth doing. - The call-number of this volume is 4344.266.

Flinders Petrie, one of the foremost English archaeologists, whose excavations in Egypt revealed a new chapter in the history of civilization, has published his recollections in a volume Seventy Years in Archaeology. "This is only a record of the work, and of what led me up to it, and has nothing otherwise to do with the inner life," the author writes in a Foreword. Surely, Mr. Petrie seldom indulges in ego-As a matter of fact, a more generous portion of the personal element would not have been amiss in the narrative which, as it is, is somewhat dry and unimaginative. Mr. Petrie is a great explorer, but obviously not a born writer. Even so, people interested in Egyptology will find pleasure in the account of the author's first survey and measurements of the Pyramids, his excavations at Tanis in the Delta, his discovery of papyri and pottery at Gurob in the Fayum, and of his other incessant works at Tell El Amarna, Thebes, Abydos, and in almost every part of the Nile Valley. - The callnumber is 4072.03-106.

The autobiography of the British physicist, Sir Oliver Lodge, Past Years [3918.170], on the other hand, is written in a simple rambling style. The early life of the now eighty-one year old scientist was not easy. He tells of the miseries of his life at school, where

"the cane was part of the system of instruction." At the age of fourteen. he stopped with his regular schooling and for seven years he worked at his father's pottery business until, through attending lectures and reading, he had prepared himself, at the age of twentyone, to enter the University of London. The author describes his experiments in the electro-magnetic field and those, which he considered the most important of his life, on the velocity of light and the relation of ether to the motion of the earth. He has delightful reminiscences to tell of his relations with his colleagues at home and abroad, including Lord Kelvin, A. Graham Bell, and Heinrich Hertz. Some readers may turn with special interest to the later chapters on psychic research and the author's experience with mediums.

Adventurous Americans [2344.269] is a collection of twenty-four biographical sketches of contemporary pioneers in the theory and practice of social justice. Edited by Devere Allen, these portraits have been written by anonymous acquaintances of their respective subjects. A number of the characters described are widely known, others are less familiar to the general public. Noteworthy is the study of Justice Holmes, in which he is shown as dissenting strictly in the interest of justice even when his private opinion sided with the conservative view. Most of the men and women portrayed in the volume were militant pacifists during the War. Among these are Norman Thomas and Roger N. Baldwin, Bishop Paul Jones, Sherwood Eddy, and Scott Nearing. Educators and publicists are represented, men like John Dewey, Oswald Garrison Villard, or John Haynes Holmes. The work of Jane Addams at Hull House, of the suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt, of Margaret Sanger in the interest of birth control, and the teaching and writing career of Vida Scudder are described with much warmth and life.

After the Deluge, "a Study of Communal Psychology" [3567.731], is the first volume of a proposed series of

social-political studies by the English writer Leonard Woolf. The work is a brilliant analysis of the democratic principle and the changes it has undergone in the beliefs and mental attitudes of communities from the time of the French Revolution to the present day. A picture of the miseries of the World War, fought as it was for liberty and democracy, leads in the first chapters to a discussion of the functions of the historian who, Mr. Woolf believes. should be "a scientific investigator of progress and regression in human communities." Then the author studies the public state of mind in 1789, both in England and France, when the accepted ideas of inherited privilege were first challenged, and contrasts the political background with that of 1914. The great revolutionary principles of the early democrats, as they were expressed in the American Declaration of Independence, were the belief in the equal right of happiness for all men and the insistence that the individual and not the social class was the political unit. The author shows how in the course of the nineteenth century the difference between civil and political liberty became more and more apparent; he points out that the often criticized standardization effected by democracy is no greater than the standardization which formerly prevailed within the different social classes; and finally he traces the rise of the new demand for authority as it manifests itself in nationalism, imperialism, socialism and fascism.

In 1930 Bertram Thomas, who as a former Wazir of the Sultan of Muscat and as British administrator in Trans-Jordania had acquired an intimate knowledge of the native Arabs, undertook the perilous journey across the South Arabian desert Rub'al Khali from sea to sea. The adventures which Mr. Thomas had on his expedition, and the observations that he made about the habits of the desert tribes, about the flora and fauna and the geographical features of the land, are told in his Arabia Felix [3043.346]. The explorer started out from the land of Dhufar, whose people and customs, as also those of the Quara mountain folk, he describes with much colour.

In his survey of Music in American Life [4045.439], Augustus Delafield Zanzig has gathered together a vast amount of statistical information and first-hand impressions of non-professional musical activity among children, school and college pupils and adults. "The possi-bilities," the author reports, "were every-"The possiwhere greater than the actualities." Yet. in spite of the fact that in 1929 the American people bought 238,000 less pianos than in 1909, whereas in the same year they spent \$890,000,000 for radio sets, there were many encouraging signs and some admirable achievements. Mention may be made of the great Bach choir at Bethlehem, Pa., and other groups which include amateur singers and players drawn from the most varied occupations. Beginning with a description of Flint, Michigan, as a model town, Mr. Zanzig shows what various cities have done or left undone for the cultivation of good music. In the second part of the book he discusses the problems of music teaching in schools, colleges and conservatories, and those of provision for music in churches, museums, libraries and the home.

# Library Notes

The larger number of Washington items in the Boston Public Library were bequeathed to the institution by the late Mr. Walter Updike Lewisson in 1929. In the February 1931 issue of More Books this Collection has been described in detail. Some of the notes have been utilized in the article on the Washington Bicentennial Exhibit that appears in the present issue.

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A valuable acquisition for the Fine Arts Division is a large folio volume Mycerinus, "The Temples of the third Pyramid at Giza" [\*8091B.101], by George A. Reisner. The work contains Dr. Reisner's account of the excavations made by the Joint Expedition of Harvard University and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, with descriptions of the structures exposed and the objects found in them. The text is followed by 78 plates, which give exterior views as well as inside details of the excavated temples, besides photographs of statuary, pottery, jewelry and tools.

The plateau at Giza, as Dr. Reisner explains, contains three royal cemeteries of the fourth dynasty (2789–2716 B.C.), cach consisting of the king's pyramid, smaller pyramids, probably tombs of queens, and mastaba tombs of princes, courtiers and officials. Connected with the pyramids are temples and chapels, and to the second pyramid belongs also the Great Sphinx. The three kings for whom the large pyramids were erected were Cheops, Chephren

and Mycerinus.

In 1902 the Egyptian Department of Antiquities granted the Giza site to three expeditions, one German, one Italian, and one American, the last being the Hearst Expedition of the

University of California, of which Dr. Reisner was then the head and which in 1905 was taken over by the joint Harvard and Boston Museum of Fine Arts Expedition. When the territory was divided for excavation purposes, the pyramid of Mycerinus was alloted to Dr. Reisner. The work on the third pyramid is described in the present volume. From the beginning in the year 1906-07 to 1923, when the last chapel was cleared, Dr. Reisner and his associates — Mr. C. M. Firth, Mr. C. S. Fisher and the late Mr. Oric Bates — accomplished the excavation of the pyramid temple, the causeway leading to the valley, the valley temple at the end of the causeway, the chapels of three small pyramids and adjacent mastaba tombs.

"Since the discoveries of Vyse," Dr. Reisner writes, "no doubt has existed that Mycerinus was the builder of the Third Pyramid, as recorded by Herodotus, and the results of the excavations presented in this volume fully confirm this identification."

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It is fascinating to follow the patient progress made by the excavators of the temples, but in a brief note no adequate account can be given of the obstacles overcome. The valley temple had been completely buried under sand, and had, as Dr. Reisner states, not been seen after the sixth Dynasty. sand had to be cleared away, also the débris accumulated through centuries, among which were found stone vessels, statues, Roman amulets and Arabian, even ancient Athenian coins. But in the course of the clearing, sometimes in the wake of Arabian treasure hunters who had left holes in the sand, objects of great archaeological value came to light.

One of the plates shows a beautiful slate pair of statues, of a man and woman, as it was discovered at the bottom of a thieves' hole in the corridor of the valley temple. "A great mass of objects found in the Mycerinus valley temple," Dr. Reisner explains, "and many of those in the pyramid temple were made for Mycerinus."

Separate illustrated chapters describing in detail the statuary, the stone vessels and pottery throw light on their function and use during the early dynasties. The final chapter is on the family of Mycerinus, its administration, achievements in architecture, sculpture and the crafts, and its religious and funerary customs.

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According to the report of Dr. Herbert Putnam, the number of printed books and pamphlets in the Library of Congress was 4,292,288 at the end of 1931. Besides this, the maps and views totalled 1,206,408, music 1,075,400 and prints 512,046 pieces. As to manuscripts, the report merely states that "a numerical statement is not feasible."

The most important accession of the year was that of the collected papers of President Garfield, presented by his sons, James R. Garfield of Cleveland and Harry A. Garfield, President of Williams College. The gift comprises 12 bound volumes of letters sent, 150 volumes of letters received, 19 volumes of notes, 10 volumes of diaries, etc., making a total of 252 volumes.

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The output of books in Great Britain, unlike in America, has shown a decrease. The number of books published in 1931 was 14,688, as compared with 15,393 in 1930. This figure may be divided into 10,563 new books and 4,125 new editions. The fiction in Britian reached 4,001 and the number of children's books 1,437 volumes.

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The Painter of Victorian Life edited by C. Geoffrey Holme, is a study of the Anglo-French artist Constantin Guys. The volume contains 150, reproductions of Guys's sketches, a biographical introduction by P. G. Konody, and an English translation of Charles Baudelaire's essay "The Painter of Modern Life," in which the poet called attention to the worth of the little known artist.

"I want to interest the public today," Beaudelaire wrote, "in a strange man of an originality so powerful and marked that it is self-sufficient and does not even look for approval. None of his drawings is signed, if by signature you mean those easily forged few letters which represent a name, and which so many others solemnly affix to the corner of their most careless sketches. But all his works are signed by his brilliant spirit . . ."

The examples in the present volume show Guys's swift, bold lines, his power of transmitting essential traits, and, besides, the value of his works as documents of manners and customs of the early Victorian period. A regular contributor to the "Illustrated London News," Guys caught the fugitive moments of fashionable, military and gay street life in London as well as in Paris. At random one may mention the charming "Lady driving in a Chaise," "Arriving at the Ball," "At the Promenade," "A Dandy Driving," and "At the Court of Napoleon."

Constantin Guys, the son of French parents, was born in 1805 in Flushing, England. In 1824 he accompanied Lord Byron as a volunteer in the Greek war for liberation. He entered the French army as a dragoon, but left in 1830. Twelve years later he came to London, but his drawings did not appear before the public until 1848, when he joined the staff of the "Illustrated London News." During the Crimean War he acted as war artist, as may be seen by his scenes drawn at Sebastopol. After the Franco-Prussian war, Guys lived in poverty and seclusion. In 1885 he was run over by a carriage; for seven years he lived on, in a nursing home, till his death in 1802.

The call-number of this volume is \*8145.01-101.

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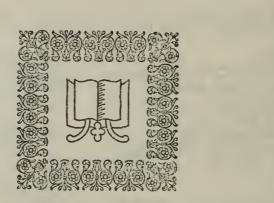
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## Besieging Boston with a Dwindling Army

I



N the same day that he took command at Cambridge — July 3, 1775 — Washington issued an order that an exact count be made of the Continental Army. The returns revealed that the Army consisted, officers included, of 16,770 men, of whom 13.743 were fit for duty. On July 9 a council ので変数 of war was held at the Headquarters. It was estimated, a rather too highly, that the British troops in Boston numbered

about 11,500 men, and it was decided that an army of at least 22,000 was needed to defend against them the posts that were already occupied.

The first long report which Washington sent to Congress gives a complete picture of the state of the Army, with the lack of money, clothing, ammunition, insufficiency of the troops, and the want of discipline. It is not a cheerful document, yet it ends with the remark: "I have a sincere pleasure in observing, that there are materials for a good Army — a great number of ablebodied men, active, zealous in the cause, and of unquestioned courage . . ."

To his friend Richard Henry Lee he revealed his first personal impression with even greater frankness. "You will perceive," he wrote, "that we have but about sixteen thousand effective men in all this department, whereas, by the accounts which I received from even the first officers in command, I

had no doubt of finding between eighteen and twenty thousand; out of these there are only fourteen thousand fit for duty." And he added in an anxious tone: "Between you and me, I think we are in an exceeding dangerous situation, as our numbers are not much larger than we suppose, from the best accounts we are able to get, those of the enemy to be; theirs situated in such a manner as to be drawn to any point of attack, without our having an hour's previous notice of it, whereas we are obliged to be guarded at all points, and know not where, with precision, to look for them . . ."

What was to be done? First of all, fresh troops of six to eight thousand men had to be recruited, to raise the number of the Army to the required strength. Then, the permanence of the Army had to be assured — a problem which had stared the new Commander-in-Chief in the face from the beginning.

It is a characteristic fact that in the first council of war the question of a possible attack upon the British was not even mentioned; and one should not wonder that after his arrival at camp Washington saw at once, what his generals already knew, that the campaign which he had to prepare for was a defensive one. There was little to commend an offensive, with an insufficient and badly equipped Army, and with the almost unavoidable destruction of Boston in sight. The defensive campaign naturally offered less risk — but it also meant a prolonged duration of the War. And, unfortunately, no one in Congress had reckoned with the possibility that the War might last over the winter. The enlistments were for short terms. Indeed, Washington was confronted with the danger that after the New Year he would be left without an Army.

And the public wanted results. Hardly two months had elapsed since Washington took command and criticism was already loud about his "strange inactivity." No one could have been busier than the new Commander-in-Chief was with the immense task of the organization of the Army, trying to establish order and discipline in that "armed mob" which he found upon his arrival at Cambridge. Without the most necessary supplies, and without money to pay the wages of the soldiers, he needed all his powers of persuasion to keep whole regiments from leaving, and the courts-martial had to be almost continuously in session to prevent individual desertions. Appeals to patriotic sentiments alternate in all the general orders with sentences of heavy punishments. Under the circumstances, the recruiting of fresh troops made but little progress. In the middle of September the returns showed 19,365 men in the Continental Army, with 14,330 men fit for duty.

But the idea of the attack upon the British was haunting. The criticisms in Philadelphia rose to the accusation that Washington was needlessly avoiding the attack, because — as if this had been a crime — he wanted to spare Boston. Some even said that he wished to prolong his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Army! The truth was that Washington, at this point, was bolder and more enterprising than any of his generals. This was still the Washington of the French Wars, far more romantic in his idea of an encounter with the British than his fellow-officers, who had had the experience of the battle of Bunker Hill. The summer was over and the troops would soon need warm and comfortable barracks. Without fuel and even blankets, how was he to be able to keep his soldiers at their duty during the winter? They were

already impatient to go home. And what if the soldiers should decline to serve after the first of January, so that he would be obliged to disband the army and levy another, within sight of the enemy? He conceived, therefore, the amazing plan of making an assault upon Boston by row-boats, starting an attack at the same time at the Roxbury lines. A council of war discussed the plan on September 11, and unanimously rejected it.

Washington acquiesced in the decision of his generals. But it was galling for him to defend himself against unjust charges. "The state of inactivity, in which this Army has lain for some time," he wrote to Congress in a letter full of apprehensions, "by no means corresponds with my wishes by some decisive stroke to relieve my Country from the heavy expense, its subsistence must create." And after referring to his plan of attack, which he had not "wholly laid aside," he assured Congress that "there is not a man in America. who more earnestly wishes such a termination of the campaign, as to make the Army no longer necessary." Instead of criticism, help was needed. And Washington described the state of affairs in unequivocal terms. "My situation is inexpressibly distressing," he wrote in the same letter, "to see the winter fast approaching upon a naked Army, the time of their service within a few weeks of expiring, and no provision yet made for such important events. Added to these, the military chest is totally exhausted, the paymaster has not a single dollar in hand; the commissary-general assures me he has strained his credit, for the subsistence of the army, to the utmost. The quartermastergeneral is precisely in the same situation; and the greater part of the troops are in a state not far from mutiny. . ." He warned Congress that, unless these evils were immediately remedied, the army would have to break up.

Luckily, the British commanders were not anxious either to come out and fight. The lesson of the battle of Bunker Hill had sunk at least as deep into them as into the Americans. They had learned, as General Gage wrote to Lord Dartmouth in London, that "the rebels were not the despicable rabble, too many have supposed them to be." To the impatient promptings that he should attack and smash the Continentals he readily answered: "I am of opinion that no offensive operations can be carried on to advantage from Boston. On the supposition of a certainty of driving the rebels from their intrenchments, no advantage would be gained but reputation; victory could not be improved, through the want of every necessary to march into the country. The loss of men probably would be great, and the rebels be as numerous in a few days as before their defeat; besides, the country is remarkably strong and adapted to their way of fighting. . ." All excellent reasons, not only for the abandoning of an offensive at Boston, but also for the discontinuation of the whole war.

On renewed urgings General Gage repeated the argument — just as Washington repeated his toward his critics at Philadelphia. The longer Washington stayed at Cambridge, the more he became convinced that his generals were right in deciding against an attack. "The enemy in Boston and on the heights of Charlestown," he wrote to Congress on October 5, "arc so strongly fortified, as to render it almost impossible to force their lines, thrown up at the head of each neck. Without great slaughter on our side, or cowardice on theirs, it is absolutely so. We therefore can do no more than keep them be-

sieged, which they are to all intents and purposes, as closely as any troops upon earth can be, that have an opening to the sea."

The nature of the deadlock was well summed up by Washington in a letter to his brother Augustine. "The enemy by their not coming out," he wrote, "are, I suppose, afraid of us; whilst their situation renders any attempts of ours upon them in a manner impracticable."

Under these circumstances, it was a real relief to Washington that on the 15th of October a committee from Congress arrived at Cambridge to discuss with him the conditions of the Army and the question of the offensive. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Lynch of Carolina, and Benjamin Harrison of Virginia were members of the committee, and they were joined by the delegates of the four New England colonies. The conference continued for several days. First the problem of the reorganization of the Army was argued. The resolution of the council of war, brought ten days earlier, that the Army should consist of no less than 20,372 men, making twenty-six regiments, was unanimously accepted. Further, it was agreed that each regiment should consist of 728 men, divided into eight companies. The mode of raising, arranging, clothing and supplying the Army was then determined with meticulous care. It was even prescribed that every soldier should receive so and so much beef, pork, fish, beans, rice or potato per day. The ration included, it may be mentioned here, "one quart of spruce beer or cider for every man, per day, or nine gallons of molasses for a company of one hundred men, for a week." The food was good and there was enough to drink. The clothing however, was much worse; and there was a crying need for arms and powder. Congress was anxious to reduce the pay of the soldiers, but the conference found that "this would be attended with dangerous consequences."

For the first day of the conference, October 18, Washington called also a council of war. He informed his generals that Congress again intimated that "an attack upon Boston, if practicable, was much desired," and he asked for their opinion. The council was again definitely against the offensive; even General Lee, who was especially eager to win the confidence of Congress, thought it "too great a risk."

With this decision to back him, Washington now turned to the "committee of conference" and blankly asked them to state, how far it might be deemed advisable to destroy the troops in Boston by a bombardment; "or, in other words, whether the loss of the town, and the property therein, are so to be considered, as that an attack upon the troops there should be avoided, when it evidently appears that the town must, of consequence, be destroyed." Confronted with the question, the committee hesitated to give a definite answer. Lynch and Harrison, the Southern members, and Nathaniel Wales, a delegate from Connecticut, would not have minded seeing Boston in flames. It was, however, decided that the matter was "of too much importance to be determined by the committee" and that it should be referred to Congress.

The conference was over. At the leave-taking the Commander-in-Chief had yet a last opportunity to entreat his guests that "they would represent to the Congress the necessity of having money constantly and regularly sent . . ."

II

The Public Library possesses three Orderly Books which contain an almost unbroken record of the Siege of Boston. The first of these, kept by Peter Scull, a second-lieutenant of the Pennsylvania Riflemen, at Prospect Hill, extends from July 7 till October 26. The second, belonging to Captain Luke Drury's Company stationed at Roxbury, continues the story from November 5 till January 1. And the last, written by Captain Stephen Badlam at Headquarters at Cambridge, covers the period of January 1 to April 20. Peter Scull's Orderly Book was described in the April 1927 issue of More Books. The present article is mainly based on the Orderly Book of Captain Drury, and it is hoped that Captain Badlam's Orderly Book will also be soon discussed.

Captain Drury's Orderly Book has been in the Library since 1886 and has never been published. It is a folio volume of 57 pages, written probably - with the most independent spelling - by Nathan Morse, orderly-sergeant of the Company. Captain Drury, and most of his men, came from Grafton, Mass., to the camp. The Captain, thirty-eight years old, was present with his Minute-men at the battle of Lexington. His Company was later incorporated into General Artemas Ward's Regiment and served at Roxbury. First the Major-General himself was the commanding officer of the regiment, but afterwards lieutenant-colonel Jonathan Ward took charge of it. The similarity of the two names has led to some errors in recent historical accounts, and the fact that there was a third Ward — Joseph Ward, an aide-de-camp — does not relieve the confusion . . . But there is no mistake about Captain Drury. He served throughout the larger part of the War and was finally discharged in December 1781 with the rank of a lieutenant-colonel. Naturally, he returned to Grafton, where he played a prominent part in town and church affairs during the rest of his life. He died in 1811.

The Army around Boston was arranged in three main divisions. should not, I think, have made choice of the present post in the first instance." Washington wrote to Richard Henry Lee in the letter quoted above, "although I believe the communication between the town and country could not have been cut off so well without. But as much labour has been bestowed in throwing up lines, making redoubts, etc.; as Cambridge, Roxbury and Watertown must be immediately exposed to the mercy of the enemy, were we to retreat a little further in the country; as it would give a general dissatisfaction to this Colony, dispirit our own people, and encourage the enemy to remove at this time to another place, we have, for these reasons, resolved in council to maintain our ground if we can." And there follows the description of the positions: "Our lines on Winter and Prospect Hills, and those of the enemy on Bunker Hill, are in full view of each other, a mile distant, our advance guards much nearer, and the sentries almost near enough to converse; at Roxbury and Boston Neck it is the same. Between these we are obliged to guard several of the places at which the enemy may land." The right wing of the Army, under Ward, was the largest; it included the brigades of Generals Thomas and Spencer. The left wing, at Prospect Hill and at Winter Hill, was

under General Lee, with Greene and Sullivan as brigadier-generals. And the center, at Cambridge, was commanded by General Putnam and Brigadier-General Heath, under the personal supervision of Washington.

Captain Drury saw the Siege from a point between Roxbury and Dorchester, but the Orderly Book of his Company encompasses the events of the whole Army during the last two months of 1775. There are three kinds of orders in the book for almost every day: first the "regimental orders" are entered; next the "Roxbury orders," those of General Ward, follow; and finally the orders from "Cambridge, Headquarters" are copied. Each company, each regiment, each brigade kept its orderly books during the War, and the interest of the records of the lower units lies in the fact that they often contain touches of the intimate life of the common soldier, such as the journals written at Headquarters may not possess.

Few martial events occurred during the whole Siege of Boston, and hardly any during the winter months. Perhaps the most exciting incident was the one at Lechmere Point on November 9. Four hundred British soldiers embarked from Boston and landed at Lechmere Point in search of cattle. Food was especially scanty in town. But while the Britishers were engaged in the maraud, alarm was sounded in the American camp and a regiment of riflemen rushed down to meet them. The British soldiers were already on their boats, with ten cows as their booty. Two of them were killed in the shooting, and two men were wounded on the American side. This is how the skirmish is mentioned in the Orderly Book:

"The General thanks Colonel Thompson and the other gallant officers and soldiers, as well as of other regiments as the Riflers, for their alacrity in passing through the water to get to the enemy on Lechemere's Point. He is informed that there were some, whose names are yet unknown, who discovered a backwardness in crossing the causeway; these will be marked, if they can be discovered."

But the incident served as a memento, as the rest of the order shows:

"The General was much surprized and concerned to see the order in which many of the arms, in several of the Regiments, appeared. He had not time to inquire the names of the particular officers to whose Companies they belonged, but desires that this hint may be received as an admonition by such officers as are conscious of their neglect of this duty, as other methods will be fallen upon, if it is not."

On the 14th the parole at Headquarters was "St. Johns" and the countersign, "Montgomery." That day the Commander-in-Chief announced "the glorious success of the Continental arms, in the reduction and surrender of the fortress of St. John's, the garrisons of that place and Chambly being made prisoners of war." It is rather astonishing to see how slowly the news reached Cambridge, even for those days. Fort Chamblée was taken by a detachment of Montgomery's little army as early as October 18, while St. Johns surrendered on November 3. With these victories the whole region of Lake Champlain was in the hands of the Continentals and the road seemed free to Canada. The Northern Campaign was very promising, indeed. Arnold was on his way to Quebec, and his enterprise aroused the greatest expectations. The disappointment, therefore, was keen when the rear-guard of Arnold's army, a group of tattered, starving men with weird tales, returned from the wilderness of Maine. There is only a short reference to the melancholy event in the order

for November 25: "The commissioned, non-commissioned officers and soldiers, lately arrived in camp from Kennebeck River, are to join their respective Corps..." Colonel Enos, the commander of the troop, was placed under arrest. Three days later, however, things looked brighter again. "An express last night from General Montgomery brings the joyful tidings of the surrender of the City of Montreal to the Continental arms," Washington gladly heralded to his troops. Once more it took sixteen days for the news to travel to Cambridge. It was on November 12 that Montgomery, the brilliant young American general, took possession of Montreal. One should mention here, before leaving the subject, that the court-martial which tried Colonel Enos found that "the prisoner was of absolute necessity obliged to return with his division," and therefore the Colonel was acquitted with honor.

The lines around Boston were quiet. In the middle of December another commotion happened at Lechmere Point, but this was even more harmless than the earlier one in November. A detachment of 300 men, under General Putnam, made there fortifications which the British tried to prevent by bomb-fire. The shells threw a considerable amount of dirt among the Americans and a piece even hit the cap of a soldier, but otherwise the cannonade proved ineffective. "Old Put's" men were able to continue their work.

At Roxbury the quietude of the front had a bad moral effect upon the guards, as one may see from the following order of General Ward:

"With inexpressible concern the General hears the surprising negligence and inattention of the guard sentries the night before last and can impute it to nothing but the want of zeal and activity of both officers and soldiers to become acquainted with those rules and customs that are so essentially necessary in the camp, as our whole situation under Providence depends on the vigilance and alertness of guards and sentries by night, as it would be impossible to enjoy the least quiet and rest if we had not confidence in those that are placed for the security of the Camp..."

And so one long sentence goes on after an other. One cannot undertake to print here the order in full; the interested must be referred to the original document in which it occupies more than an entire page. It was just before Christmas and the Major-General felt like giving a sermon to his soldiers. It was not for nothing that the malicious General Lee dubbed his colleague "Deacon Ward."

There was anxiety, but no real danger. On Christmas day the weather was cold and clear. The General ordered out a fatigue party to clear off the snow from the top of the parapets, forts and fletches. And he reminded the soldiers that "this is always to be done after a snow-storm or when the wind has blown the snow into the said places . . ."

The cold, the snow, and the wind were the only active enemies. But they were fearful. By New Year all the trees around the houses at Roxbury were cut down and used for fuel by the freezing soldiers.

#### III

The "committee of conference" agreed in October that the Army around Boston should be raised at least to 20,372 men and that the new enlistments should be made for a year. It was left to Washington to carry the resolutions into effect.

By the middle of November it was abundantly clear that the recruiting of additional troops was a failure. Instead, the number of men was slowly decreasing. But Washington's chief care was now to have enough men enlisted for the coming year, so that in January, when the term of his soldiers was expiring, he should not be left without an army. At the same time, he had to put through the reorganization of the regiments, reducing their number from thirty-nine to twenty-six. The words "the New Establishment" figure in almost every one of his orders.

The drive for enlistments really began on November 12. The colonels were requested to report at Headquarters for the necessary printed blanks. "They will without delay," Washington's order reads, "distribute one to each officer, who is to proceed to enlist men for their prospective Regiments." The recruiting officers were warned, "upon pain of being cashiered," not to enlist any soldier who had been previously enlisted by another officer. Besides, no one who was suspected of being unfriendly to the American cause, nor "any vagabond to whom all causes were equally alike," could be accepted. Here the Commander-in-Chief could not refrain from making a fine flourish: "America will have numbers sufficient to them without resorting to such wretched assistance, but those who wish to put shackles upon freemen fill their ranks and place their confidence in such miscreants . . ." The last paragraph, however, somewhat betrays his anxiety as to the results. "The officers are vigilantly to try," he ordered, "what number of men can be enlisted in the course of next week and make report thereof to their Colonels, who will report it to the General."

The order repeats the earlier announcement that every non-commissioned officer and soldier will be paid by the calendar month: a sergeant getting 48 shillings, a corporal, drummer and fife 44, and a private 40 shillings, which pay — an important statement! — "it is expected will be regularly distributed every month." The non-commissioned officers and soldiers were to furnish their own arms. Clothing was to be provided on the basis that "an easy stoppage of only ten shillings per month" was to be deducted from their pay until the whole sum was paid.

By the decision of Congress, the pay of the commissioned officers was also increased. A captain was to receive 26 2/3 dollars, a first lieutenant 18, and a second lieutenant 13 dollars. Washington, who was always neatly attired, reminded them that the increase is partly intended "to enable them to support the character and appearance of gentlemen and officers, which will add much to the reputation of the Regiments."

The transition from the old organization to the new had to be made smoothly. "That no kind of confusion and disorder may arise between the old and the new appointments, in case the despair and malice of the enemy should call us into action," the order read for November 14, "it is again declared that the men who enlist into the new Army are to continue in the Regiments and Companies they at present belong to, until further orders. . ."

But friction was inevitable. The officers whose command was taken away were full of resentment, and in many cases the soldiers themselves protested against the change. Washington was exasperated by the conduct of the officers. "Such a dearth of public spirit and such want of virtue, such

stockjobbing and fertility in all the low arts to obtain advantages of one kind or another in this great change of military arrangement, I never saw before, and pray God's mercy that I may never be witness to again. . ." he wrote to his former secretary, Joseph Reed, in Philadelphia. So when Colonel Whitcomb showed a patriotic acquiescence in losing his command, the grateful Commander-in-Chief held up his example to the whole Army: "The noble sentiments disclosed by that gentleman, the zeal he has shown in exhorting the men not to abandon the interest of their Country at this important crisis, and his determination to continue in the service even as a private soldier, rather than by a bad example, when the enemy are gathering strength, put the public affairs to hazard — not only entitles a gentleman to particular thanks, but to particular rewards. . ." Colonel Whitcomb was left in charge of his regiment, and Colonel Jonathan Brewer, who had been considered for his position, was temporarily appointed barrack master.

The recruiting was pushed on with great energy. To give added weight to the persuasive power of the officers, Washington made known on November 22:

"As the General is informed that this is the season in which the people of the four New England Governments lay in provisions, stores, etc., for the use of their families, he has recommended, in the strongest manner he is capable, the necessity of sending money to camp for the immediate payment of the troops for the months of October and November; and, in order to enable those who have again enlisted, and such others as are resolved to continue in the service, to do this more effectually, he has also recommended them to the Congress for one month's advance pay, and has no doubt himself of its being complied with, if money can be forwarded in time."

There was some rivalry between the captains and first lieutenants, the latter thinking that if the captains were unable to recruit a Company, the command would be taken away from them and given to the lieutenants. So the lieutenants were rather lukewarm and indifferent in the business of recruiting. Washington, hearing of their attitude, assured them at once that they "not only deceive themselves, but, if proof can be given of such a charge, such guilty enemies to their Country will with disgrace be dismissed from the Continental Army and Service forever."

The Connecticut men gave the greatest amount of trouble. They were supposed to stay till December 10, but many of them departed a week before. To fill up their places Washington was obliged to call in the Minute-men and the Militia, though he was greatly in fear that these, insubordinate as they were, might destroy the discipline which he had succeeded in establishing. But the change was effected much better than he expected. General Ward, to whose division the Connecticut regiments belonged, was particularly pleased. On December 13 he issued a lengthy order beginning:

"The General observes the peace and quiet of the camp since the arrival of the militia. The prospect appears flattering: although they have not been inured to service of the past season, their laudable zeal and ardent ambition for the salvation of their country will inspire them with a true sense of the necessity of regularity and discipline, especially in a camp so near the enemy.

"Condescension, my worthy Countrymen, to all orders will become agreeable rather than a burden by duly observing them. He doubts not that your desire

and promptness to become acquainted with the orders and rules of the camp will afford him no opportunity of requesting you to do the same . . ."

However slowly, the recruits were arriving at the camp. In the same proportion, the old soldiers who did not renew their enlistment were discharged. Washington was watchful enough to remind the commanding officers "to take care to part first with the most indifferent kind." The recruits were sent to their respective companies and the drilling began at once.

But only a few days were left and Washington suddenly became frightened. On December 28 he issued an order, pleading with the soldiers to stay for one more month:

"As the time draws nigh that the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island troops not again enlisted will be released from their present service, the General recommends to them to consider what may be the consequences of their abrupt departure from the lines. Should any accident happen to them before the new Army gets strength, they not only fix eternal disgrace upon themselves as soldiers, but "inestimable ruin, perhaps, upon their country and families...

"Those non-commissioned officers and soldiers, therefore, who have their country's welfare so much at heart as to stay till the last of January next, if necessary, may join any Company in any of the new established Regiments they please, provided they do not increase the number of rank and file in such Company to more than seventy-six men, more than which no Company is to exceed."

Unfortunately, he could not now even promise regular pay. Instead, he had to confess frankly:

"The General was in great hopes that a sufficient sum would have been sent from Philadelphia, to have paid the troops for the months of October, November, and December, but is sorry to inform them, that there is no more yet arrived than will allow one month's pay, the advanced pay to the new Army. . . The General has already wrote express to Congress for more money, and hopes speedily to be furnished with a sufficient sum to pay them in full."

The return on December 30 showed that the Army consisted of 16,786 men, of whom 11.752 were fit for duty. This was still the old Army, of about the same strength as when, six months before, Washington took command. A week later the return revealed only 13,509 men, with 10,209 fit to fight. But there were still many old soldiers present, those who heeded Washington's appeal for another month's service. By the end of January the whole Army dwindled down to 11,896 men; with 8,863 fit for duty. This was the new Army.

From Captain Drury's Company — the reader may be interested to know — 31 men left. They were allowed their rations "to carry them home" on the forty-one mile journey. But enough remained to continue as a Company in the New Army. On January 2, as their acknowledgement here reproduced shows, these men received at least one month's pay of their outstanding wages.

#### IV

The discipline had to be maintained. On the first page of the Orderly Book, under the date of November 5, one may read the following singular warning:

"As the Commander-in-Chief has been apprized of a design formed for the observance of that ridiculous and childish custom of burning the effigies of the pope,

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he cannot help expressing his surprize that there should be officers and soldiers in this Army so void of common sense as not to see the impropriety of such a step at this juncture, at a time when we are soliciting and have already obtained the friendship and alliance of the people of Canada, whom we ought to consider as brethren imbarqued in the same cause — the defence of the general liberty of America. At such a juncture, and in such circumstances, to be insulting their religion is so monstrous as not to be suffered or excused. Indeed, instead of offering the most remote insult, it is our duty to address public thanks to these our brethren, as to them we are so much indebted for every late happy success over the common enemy."

Few people know at present what "that ridiculous and childish custom of burning the effigies of the Pope" was, and how it came about. November 5 was the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, the attempt of Guy Fawkes and his associates, a handful of persecuted Catholics, to blow up Parliament while it was in full session. The Plot was detected and Guy Fawkes was caught in the vault below the House of Lords with matches ready to fire the train. The conspirators were arrested and executed. For two hundred years the day was celebrated in England, superseding the Pope Day which, in its turn, was started in the first year of Elizabeth's reign. Gunpowder Plot Day was eagerly observed also in New England, especially in Boston, where it even outdid the English festival in licentiousness. A procession wandered through the streets the whole afternoon, carrying with it a ribald pageant: the figure of the Pope mounted on a stage, grotesquely dressed, and surrounded by various puppets, and the whole scene illuminated by a lantern. A bell-man went at the head of the procession, ringing his bell and chanting the ballad beginning:

Don't you remember
The fifth of November
The Gunpowder Treason and Plot?
I see no reason
Why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot. Etc.

The residents of the streets through which the procession passed were supposed to contribute some money, otherwise their windows were in danger. The money thus collected was to defray the expenses of a supper, held for the leaders at the end of the day.

In time, two celebrations were organized in Boston. One was arranged by the inhabitants of the North End and another by those of the South End. The two processions usually met at Union Street, where a fight began for the possession of the effigies, resulting in bloodshed and broken heads. In 1774, at the instigation of the patriotic leaders, the two parties were reconciled and joined in a single celebration, which they called the "Union Pope." This was the last Pope Day, or Gunpowder Plot Day, in Boston. Washington stopped the custom with the order above quoted.

Captain Drury's Orderly Book is full of reports of courts-martial. Someone was always being tried for something or other; the sessions of the courts—regimental, brigade, or army—were held with about as much regularity as the pickets were changed. "Fifteen stripes," "thirty-nine lashes" may be read on almost every page of the Orderly Book. But one must not exaggerate the importance of these offences, for it was natural that they should occur in

an improvised Army. One must also remember that this was the eighteenth century, when corporal punishment was customary everywhere. Certainly the punishments in the American army were far less barbarous than those in the British troops in Boston. And it may be regarded with pride that no death sentence was passed in the American camp, while among the British several soldiers were hanged.

Desertion — one must admit — was a frequent evil. On December 6 two soldiers and three "transient persons," who aided and abetted it, were tried for the crime. Whipping on the naked back and imprisonment from one to two years in New Gate Prison at Simsbury was the fate of four of the offenders. Against the fifth, one of the "transients," the charge could not be fully proved; being, however, an undesirable person, he was told to leave the camp and "not to return on pain of being whipped 39 lashes and be drummed out of camp." Quitting the post while on duty also happened many times. On November 18 two soldiers were sentenced for it to 15 lashes each, but on account of their youth and ignorance the Court recommended them for mercy. Washington pardoned the two boys, but gave notice that "such a crime will not meet with mercy in the future."

On November 15 a sergeant, two corporals, and three privates were tried for mutiny. The sergeant was reduced to the ranks and fined, and the soldiers were sentenced to 39 lashes "with a cat-and-nine-tails." The regimental order expressly mentions that the Commander-in-Chief approved of the sentence.

Quarrelling and fighting, among people who lived in such proximity, was as natural as it was inevitable. When it occurred among officers, the offending party was usually fined and reprimanded by the Colonel before the officers of the whole Regiment; in more serious cases the offender was discharged from the Army. When a non-commissioned officer beat up another, he was usually reduced to the ranks. Drunkenness was, of course, the usual cause of brawls among the soldiers. To discourage excessive drinking, Washington ordered that no commanding officer of a regiment should authorize more than one suttler to a regiment, and that no suttler should presume to sell spirituous liquor to any soldier belonging to a regiment other than his own.

This temperance measure must have had some good effects, but it certainly did not do away completely with drunkenness.

On the second day of his command Washington solemnly forbade cursing, swearing, and all other profanity, recommending at the same time to the soldiers a punctual attendance at divine service. General Ward more than once reminded his regiments of the injunction of the Commander-in-Chief. Swearing was really shamefully prevalent in the American camp. A private, for instance, at Cambridge struck General Putnam's horse and shouted: "Damn you, who are there? Clear the road!" The man was adjudged to 30 lashes. How the poor devil must have sworn afterwards, one can only guess.

Two captains were tried, one "for behaving in a low, scandalous and unofficer-like manner" and the other "for dissuading the soldiers from inlisting
and then acting the part of a Tory and an enemy to his Country." It is a
pleasure to note that the court found both charges unfounded. Unfortunately,
a young lieutenant had to be cashiered for forgery and defrauding the soldiers
of their pay. And, of course, men with malicious tongues were not lacking

either in the camp. A certain captain was tried "for making and spreading throughout the country false, scandalous and groundless reports, tending to defame the character of the General and other officers of the Continental Army." The defendant was guilty. He was cashiered and expelled from the Army, after being fined to pay the expenses of the trial.

Sending letters to Boston, or having any correspondence with the enemy, was strictly prohibited. General Ward issued an order that if any flag of truce arrived from the British, he had to be informed at once "what the business of the flag was"; and if any letter came with the courier, it had to be sent to him. One had to be doubly cautious in any contact with the British. Small-pox was rampant in Boston, and Washington was anxious to prevent the spreading of the disease to the American troops. He ordered, therefore, that no person was to go to the lines with a flag of truce who had not had the disease and so was immune from getting it again. Further, all letters that had come from Boston were dipped in vinegar before they were read.

Many soldiers were unscrupulous enough to waste their precious little ammunition by firing at marks. Washington, whose every letter at this time was full of complaints because of lack of powder, heard of the pastime with angry indignation. He issued a peremptory order to stop it. "Such crimes are inexcusable and unpardonable, and the General in duty to his Country is determined to punish them with severity," he threatened.

Forcible measures were applied also against the cutting down of trees. General Ward assured all persons who might be found guilty that "no favor would be shewn to them." He particularly enjoined the officers of the guards "to be very vigilant to prevent any waste of the private property in Roxbury and to see that no injury be done to houses and other buildings." Alas, the advance of winter made all the watchfulness useless. Jeremy Belknap, a minister from Dover, New Hampshire, who visited the camp toward the end of October, gave a disheartening picture of what he saw:

"Nothing struck me with more horror than the present condition of Roxbury; that once busy, crowded street is now occupied only by a piquet guard. The houses are deserted, the windows are taken out, and many shot-holes are visible; some have been burnt, and others pulled down to make room for the fortifications . . ."

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The new Army was there, but the regiments were only half raised, and about five thousand of the men belonged to the militia, engaged only for a few more weeks. Washington was in despair. His task was really an extraordinary one. Justly he wrote to Joseph Reed on January 4: "Search the vast volumes of history through, and I much question whether a case similar to ours is to be found; to wit, to maintain a post against the flower of the British troops for six months together, without powder, and then to have one army disbanded and another to raise within the same distance of a reinforced enemy . . ."

And there was no change in sight. "Our enlistments are at a stand," he wrote ten days later to the same friend, "the fears I ever entertained are realized; that is, the discontented officers (for I do not know how else to ac-

count for it) have thrown such difficulties or stumbling-blocks in the way of recruiting, that I no longer entertain a hope of completing the Army by voluntary enlistments, and I see no move or likelihood of one, to do it by other means . . . Our total number upon paper amount to about ten thousand five hundred; but as a large portion of those returned have not joined, I never expect to receive them." And there was no money, no arms, no ammunition. His feeling may be readily understood: "The reflection on my situation, and that of this Army," he wrote, "produces many an uneasy hour when all around me are wrapped in sleep."

Luckily, Sir William Howe in Boston was little informed of the state of the American Army — or he had his own troubles. On the day, January 16, that Washington wrote to the President of the Council of New Hampshire: "The alarming and almost defenceless state of our lines, occasioned by the slow progress in raising recruits for the new Army, and the departure of a great number of the Militia . . ." — on that same day General Howe urged, obviously not for the first time, the Earl of Dartmouth to raise the British force in America to 20,000 men: "With fewer troops," he appealed, "the success of any offensive operations will be very doubtful, the enemy possessing advantages that will not be readily overcome by a small force; neither is their army by any ways to be despised, having in it many European soldiers, and all, or most of the young men of spirit in the country, who are exceedingly diligent and attentive in their military profession."

There must have been some misunderstanding in these appraisals, for the contrast is certainly amazing. It may be a grotesque thought, but one cannot help thinking what a marvelous time the two Commanders would have had, could they have come together for a real, heart-to-heart talk about their respective armies.

The British soldiers were well clothed — even well groomed. When on duty they were "to appear decently dressed and accoutred." General Howe was very particular on this point. In one of his orders he expressed great indignation because the men went on guard "with hair badly powdered, no frills to their shirts, and leggins hanging in a slovenly manner." The frills could not be dispensed with, even if the food rations were of the meagerest sort. And the privation was such that it bordered on starvation. Occasionally a boat arrived with provisions, or the British vessels, cruising along the New England coast, captured some supplies, but fresh meat was hardly ever available for more than a day or two in many weeks. Flour was giving out and there were no vegetables. It was no small matter to feed an Army, the soldiers with their women and children totalling 13,600, cooped up in a besieged city. The population of Boston itself, according to a count made in July 1775, was only 6,753. But even this was too large for the British commander. Any one - Tory as much as Radical - was welcome to leave. All that the departing inhabitants were required to do was to announce their purpose to Mr. Urguhart, the town-major.

The want of food and fuel led to a loosening of the discipline. The general orders are full of measures against the "profligacy and dissipation and want of subordination," of the troops. As time went on, General Howe applied more and more severe punishments. The meting out of several hundred lashes

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for robbery or house-breaking was a frequent occurrence. Even the wife of a private, who was merely the receiver of stolen goods, was sentenced to "one hundred lashes on her bare back, with a cat-o'-nine-tails, at the cart's tail, in different portions of the most conspicuous parts of the town, and to be imprisoned three months."

However, there were balls and theatricals, too, the young ladies of the Tory families attending. General Burgoyne was in town and he could not reconcile himself to the enforced idleness. A "Society of Ladies and Gentlemen" produced the tragedy of "Zara" in Faneuil Hall, with a prologue and epilogue by Burgoyne. The income was used for the benefit of the widows and children of the soldiers. Early in January "The Blockade of Boston," a satirical play by Burgoyne, was put on the stage. But the performance turned out to be a satire on the British rather than on the Rebels. At the moment when the actor parodying Washington appeared on the stage, a sergeant rushed in shouting: "The Yankees are attacking Bunker Hill!" First this was taken to be a part of the play. But instantly the voice of General Howe was heard: "Officers, to your posts!" The alarm was caused by an enterprise of Major Knowlton, who burned a few houses near Charlestown Neck.

Dancing and play-going did not make people forget their misery. Howe was anxious to get out of Boston and sail for New York, and the Ministry in London itself advised him to do so. But by the time the permission arrived the British general found it difficult to carry out his intentions. He did not have enough vessels to embark the whole army at once, and he was afraid to weaken its strength by division. Therefore, he decided to stay till spring. "We are not under the least apprehension of any attack upon this place from the Rebels," he wrote to the Earl of Dartmouth. "On the contrary, it were to be wished that they would attempt so rash a step, and quit their strong intrenchments to which alone they may attribute their present security."

The British Commander in Boston had the same wish as the critics of Washington in Philadelphia.

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## Ten Books

Silas Bent has written a fine, conscientious and affectionate biography of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, whom many people justly regard as the greatest living American. A portrait of Justice Holmes, painted by Charles Hopkinson of Boston shortly before his retirement from the Bench, faces the title-page; and a good view of this portrait — of the powerful yet harmonious features, of the searching yet steady eyes, and of the tall, dignified figure - is the best introduction to the book. "Mr. Justice Holmes," the author quotes, "once said, when questioned about certain details of his life: 'Since 1865 there hasn't been any biographical detail." This was a humorous over-statement. but it expressed the truth insomuch as since his return from the Civil War, in which he was three times wounded, the life of Justice Holmes was singularly free from external adventure it was eminently a life of the intellect, that of a constantly alert, ceaselessly working mind, which is the more penetrating because it is detached and unhampered. A half-century on the Bench - twenty years as Justice and Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, and nearly thirty years as Justice of the United States Supreme Court has provided for Oliver Wendell Holmes a legal career comparable to that of John Marshall, the first Chief Justice of the independent America. In the opinion of the biographer, John Marshall was the greatest constitutional and Oliver Wendell Holmes the greatest philosophical jurist whom this country has produced. The former was a great statesman and the latter is a great thinker. Though a dissenter, who has been almost continually in the minority, Justice Holmes has exerted a pervasive influence, and has become himself the

embodiment of an ideal. In this his life has acquired a special significance. For as Chief Justice Holmes said at the celebration of his ninetieth birthday: "The most beautiful and the rarest thing in the world is a complete human life, unmarred, unified by intelligent purpose and uninterrupted accomplishment, blessed by great talent employed in the worthiest activities, with a deserved fame never dimmed and always growing. Such a rarely beautiful life is that of Mr. Justice Holmes . . ."

America faces the Future edited by Charles A. Beard, is a symposium of publicists and public men, discussing unemployment and industrial problems. The book consists of two sections. In the first are President Nicholas Murray Butler's plea for systematic international cooperation; a comparison of capitalism and communism by André Maurois; James Truslow Adams's lucid exposition of "The Responsibility of Bankers;" and a sketch by Charles R. Walker, "Down and Out in Detroit," in which the writer lets a skilled workman, suddenly discharged by the Ford Motor Company, tell his own story. The second group of papers contains the various economic plans that have been proposed. Among these are Mr. Beard's own Five-Year Plan, and the much discussed plan of Gerard Swope, President of the General Electric Company, for the stabilization of employment and workers' insurance; suggestions for agricultural planning by Walter B. Pitkin and Franklin D. Roosevelt; and finally the optimistic "American plan" of President Hoover, propounded before the Indiana Editorial Association in June 1931.

In Culture and Education in America [3595.563] Harold Rugg discusses the

relation of the school and other cultural agencies to the general life of the people. Surveying the main currents of American social and economic life from frontier beginnings through the Civil War, he emphasises the emergence of the Great Technology, or the "experimental way of knowing." the great industrial changes and inequalities were presenting social problems, the school, Mr. Rugg maintains, "was impotent, parsing the sentences of Cicero." Continuing to modern times, the author gives an account of the development of pragmatic philosophy in the teachings of Pierce, James and Dewey, and of pioneering in art, as exemplified by the work of the architect Louis Henry Sullivan.

A rich contribution to American folk-lore is The Magic and Mysteries of Mexico [3487.319] by Lewis Spence, a study of the demonology and occult lore of the ancient Mexicans and the Maya of Central America. After thirtyfive years of research in this field, Mr. Spence, the author of several previous books on ancient America, speaks with authority; and not the least attraction of the volume lies in the numerous first-hand accounts by Spanish or other missionaries who came into close contact with the natives, as, for example, the records of the Codex Vaticanus, "that strange book written by Italian monks of the sixteenth century and illustrated by Aztec artists." Sinister deities who appeared in the shape of beast or butterfly; "Naualli" or official sorcerers, smeared with their magic ointment of tobacco and burnt creatures; "feathered snakes" and copper-coloured fairies, and especially the horrible bloodsacrifices to idols leave one impressed with an occult imagination which rivals in intensity that of the Old World, and which, at the same time, is permeated with an essential cruelty.

All is Grist [2558.419] to the mill of G. K. Chesterton's wit in a book of that name, and all that is known as truly Chestertonian will be found in the thirty-eight brief essays that it

contains. The genial controversialist is especially in his element in the essay "On Mr. Mencken and Fundamentalism," in the sketch on "Dante and Beatrice," as also in a felicitous interpretation of the Renaissance. In lighter vein are the discourses on "The Prudery of Slang," on "The Thrills of Boredom," on the childishness of modern sophistication, on dress and decorum, and on a variety of other topics.

Creative Expression [3590A.213], edited by Gertrude Hartman and Ann Shumaker, includes contributions of teachers from different progressive schools, who analyse through their own experiences the development of children in art, music, literature, and dramatics. The papers, written with an enthusiastic belief in the child's latent powers for original creativeness, may be read with pleasure far outside the circle of professional educators. Mr. Hughes Mearns, well-known for his encouragement of juvenile poetry, has written the introductions to the sections on art and on literature.

A dozen of the main fields of knowledge have been discussed by as many scholars in Roads to Knowledge, a volume edited by William Allan Neilson, President of Smith College. The aim of the contributors has been to offer a succinct description of their respective fields, indicating the most important problems which are waiting to-day for solutions. But President Neilson describes best the individual contributions: "The method of dangling the bait varies," he writes in the introduction, "sometimes it is the enthusiastic exhibiting of riches waiting to be acquired, as in Professor Duckett's glowing re-appraisal of classical letters. Sometimes it is by the rehearsal of fundamental questions eternally unanswered, as in Professor Spaulding's introduction to philosophy. Sometimes it is by the challenge of the imperative demand for fresh thinking, as in the picture of the bankruptcy of conventional economics, exposed with grim delight by Professor Tugwell . . ." The fine arts, biological science, economics, history, languages, literature, etc., are all treated in the same manner— "with the hope of enlisting students who will be willing to make a serious effort to come abreast of modern thinking."— The call-number is 3592.289.

In her colorful biography of Mozart [4047.724] Marcia Davenport brought out the unique quality of the composer's purely musical genius. There is naturally a special appeal in the chapter on Mozart's childhood, describing the three-year-old prodigy at the piano, the child's first composition, and then the concert tour of the six-year-old boy with his sister Nannerl, when the children were conducted by their ambitious father to the courts of Maria Teresia, Mme Pompadour, and George III of England. The author has, with dramatic skill, reconstructed Mozart's meetings with various famous or striking characters, notably his conversations with Casanova, and with the adventurer Lorenzo da Ponte who wrote the librettos for "Figaro" and "Don Giovanni."

A History of Chinese Art has been translated from the French work of George Soulié de Morant, the wellknown scholar of Chinese art and life. In a quarto volume of less than three hundred pages the author has given a survey of the whole field, examining first the pottery of the stone age and the coins and vessels of the bronze age, and then leading from the Han period to the present time. M. Soulié de Morant believes that underlying all changes in art styles are the changing ideals of social happiness as the masses see it or suppose it to be possessed by the minority in power. In reference to these ideals he explains the historic art forms, considering in turn architecture, sculpture, painting, and ceramics. The numerous illustrations are excellent.

After a series of autobiographical works, novels and plays, it is a pleasure to see Ludwig Lewisohn return to criticism. Not that he failed in his creative ventures; two of his novels at

least, and one or two of his autobiographical volumes are, indeed, very valuable. It would have been, however, regrettable if he had not made more use of his uncommon critical powers. There are few writers, or professional critics, in this country who possess a deeper and more comprehensive culture than Mr. Lewisohn. Expression in America [2396.485], his latest book. is in the field of criticism. It is not a history of literature, the author protests, but "a portrait of the American spirit seen and delineated, as the human spirit itself is best seen, in and through its mood of articulateness, of creative expression." This explains that a selection was inevitable. The book really begins with the forties of the last century, and more than half of it is devoted to living writers. One turns with curiosity to the pages on Dreiser, Eugene O'Neill, Sinclair Lewis, Sherwood Anderson, Mencken, Edith Wharton, and a number of others. Mr. Lewisohn has many pungent things to say about everybody, and he says them extremely well. His style is fluent like living speech — and perhaps for this reason, with all its felicitousness, it is just a bit facile, journalistic. The author is imbued with a deep respect for the real, standard values of literature and has little sympathy for the inanities of some of the newer writers. Brought up on Goethe, he cannot be fooled by the imitations of the latest fads of the cafés of Montparnasse. His protests are usually wholesome, and yet one cannot help suspecting that Mr. Lewisohn's esthetic sensibilities are somewhat limited - not so much by what he dislikes as by what he admires. Even so, the book is an astounding performance, considering especially that it was written in Paris, where the author had only restricted access to American works. The emphasis, however, is not on facts but on appraisals. Mr. Lewisoln, not given to false modesty, himself believes that, in the words of Sainte-Beuve, his book will "advance the question and not leave things hereafter quite as they were before.

## Library Notes

The sixth annual Jewish Book Week will be observed this year throughout the country during the week of May

22 to May 28.

As it did last year, the Boston Jewish Book Week Committee, in cooperation with the Boston Public Library, will have an evening devoted to "The Jew in Literature" in the Lecture Hall of the Central Library. This year the meeting will be held on Monday, May 23. It will also sponsor a radio broadcast on the significance of Jewish Book Week. During this period some rare Hebrew manuscripts and early printed books will be exhibited at the Central Library, and several of the Branches will have special exhibits.

Through the courtesy of the Boston Athenaeum twenty-five volumes which once belonged to George Washington have been added to the Washington Bicentennial Exhibit, now on view in the Treasure Room of the Boston Public Library.

These twenty-five volumes are representative of the kinds of books Washington liked to read. Most of them are on agriculture, others on warfare, and some on travel, politics and government. With the exception of one or two, all the volumes contain Washington's signature, usually in the upper right corner of the title-page.

The earliest volume in the group is The History of Virginia, by Robert Beverly, the second edition, printed in Then there are such books as The Gardener's Kalendar, printed in London in 1762; The Gentleman Farmer, Dublin 1779; Rural Economy, Burlington 1792; and Planting and Rural Ornament, printed in London in 1796. The Military Engineer, "a treatise on the attack and defense of all kinds of fortified places." by the Frenchman Guillaume Le Blond was among the earliest books owned by Washington. An Essay on the Art of War, 1761, is another volume showing his study of tactics and strategy. He naturally possessed a copy of Steuben's Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States; the volume, indeed, contains many marginal notes in his hand. Major General Heath's Memoirs, of course, also greatly interested him, as did The History of the American Revolution, by David Ramsay. John Adams's Defense of the American Revolution represents the works on government. It is pleasant to see the names of Daniel Defoe and Tobias Smollett, the one on the title-page of A Tour thro' the Whole Island of Great Britain and the other on that of The Adventures of Peregrine Piekle.

The library of Washington numbered about nine hundred volumes at the time of his death. The books became, under his will, the property of his nephew Judge Bushrod Washington, who also inherited his papers and the Mansion House at Mount Vernon. Judge Bushrod Washington, in his turn, bequeathed the library to his nephew George C. Washington. The library, however, was left at Mount Vernon until 1847, when a considerable portion of it - together with books that were collected by Bushrod Washington - was sold to the London bookseller Henry Stevens. was thinking of sending over the books to the British Museum, when a group of Boston and Cambridge men decided to buy them by subscription for the Boston Athenaeum. The collection included 455 volumes and 750 pamphlets.

Of these, 354 volumes and several hundred unbound pamphlets may be assigned to George Washington's library.

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A Boston Portrait Painter visits Italy [8060.04-102] is the Journal of Amasa Hewins, written during 1830-1833, and edited by Francis H. Allen from a manuscript presented by Miss Hewins, the daughter of the artist, to the Boston Athenaeum.

In a brief memoir Mr. Allen gives the facts of Hewins's life. Born in Sharon, Mass., in 1795, Amasa Hewins spent the greater part of his active life in Boston, first as a West India merchant, then, from 1827 on, as a portrait He made three European journeys, in 1830, in 1841, and again in 1852, when he stayed in Florence, Italy, till his death in 1855. The first of these journeys which took him chiefly to Italy, but also to Spain, the Netherlands, Paris and London, is described in the diary, in which he recorded his impressions of the cities and landscapes, the people and their customs.

A painting by Amasa Hewins. "Largest Panorama in the World," made from his sketches on the Mediterranean, was exhibited by W. E. Hutchings in the Masonic Temple on Tremont Street. Boston in 1848–49, and described by him in a pamphlet entitled "A Description of Hutchings' Grand Classical Panorama of the Sea and Shores of the Mediterranean." The original manuscript of this pamphlet is in the Allen H. Brown Collection of the Boston Public Library.

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A Persian Journey [5048.153] by the British artist Fred Richards is a record of travel impressions, illustrated with forty-eight drawings by the author. Mr. Richard was advised "to hurry to Persia before it was too late," as that ancient country was fast becoming

modernized. In the present volume he has sketched the characteristic features of land and population. He describes the great palaces of Persepholis, the Persian gardens, and the street life with the ubiquitous beggars and the opium victims. The drawings have a playful delicacy, so that the grandeur of the mosques and such buildings as the Ali Quapi, or "sublime gate" of Isfahan is merely indicated. Yet these sketches are equally fortunate in rendering the wide expanse of desert and the swarming life of a Persian bazaar.

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Lost Examples of Colonial Architecture [\*8094.01-103], by John Mead Howells, is a folio volume of 245 plates with photographs of colonial houses that have either been destroyed or con-

siderably altered.

New England and especially greater Boston are well represented in the collection. Many of the Boston views show the work of Charles Bulfinch, like the Franklin Crescent, at the centre of which, located above an archway, was the old Boston Library. The old Boston City Hall was built by Bulfinch in 1810, the Holy Cross Church, at the foot of Franklin Street, in 1800, and the New South Church, at Bedford and Summer Streets, in 1814. There are numerous views of beautiful private houses in Boston, among them the Hancock House on Beacon Street, built in 1737, the house of Thomas Wiggleworth on Franklin Place, the impressive Welles-Gray mansion on Summer and Kingstone Streets, and the Colonnade Row of residences, also designed by Bulfinch, on West and Tremont Streets.

Some of the plates show details, notably the fine doorways in Salem, Newburyport. Portsmouth, and several old New York houses. There are also photographs of staircases and other details of interiors. The brief introduction is by Fiske Kimball.

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A remarkable feature of the series is that it stands out as essentially the work of one man. In a foreword, published in the first volume in 1907, Theodore Roosevelt paid a high tribute to the author: "In Mr. Curtis," he wrote, "we have both an artist and a trained observer, whose pictures are

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pictures, not merely photographs; whose work has far more than mere accuracy, because it is truthful. All serious students are to be congratulated because he is putting his work in permanent form; for our generation offers the last chance for doing what Mr. Curtis has done." And again: "Others have worked in the past, and are working in the present, to preserve parts of the record; but Mr. Curtis, because of the singular combination of qualities with which he has been blest, and because of his extraordinary success in making and using his opportunities, has been able to do what no other man ever has done; what, as far as we can see, no other man could do." And finally: "He has lived on intimate terms with many different tribes of the mountains and the plains. He knows them as they hunt, as they travel, as they go about their various avocations on the march and in the camp. He knows their medicine men and sorcerers, their chiefs and warriors, their young men and maidens. He has not only seen their rigorous outward existence, but has caught glimpses, such as few white men ever catch, into that strange spiritual and mental life of theirs; from whose innermost recesses all white men are forever barred . . ." Surely, an eloquent testimony, all on a single page. Gratefully, Mr. Curtis has printed Roosevelt's name on the title-page of every volume of the series.

Yet, naturally, there were other contributors. In the collecting and arranging of the material Mr. Curtis was aided by W. E. Myers, W. W. Phillips, A. C. Haddon, and others; the name of W. E. Myers, especially, appears in the introduction of almost every volume. And in the photographic work of the laboratory, throughout the first nine volumes, A. F. Muhr gave constant assistance. Further, it is to be noted that each volume has passed through the careful editing of Frederick Webb Hodge, one of the foremost American ethnologists.

It was in 1898, while engaged as official photographer of the E. H. Harriman Alaska Expedition, that Mr. Curtis conceived the ambitious plan of *The North American Indian*. Considering the scope of the enterprise, and all the qualifications necessary for it, it is really amazing how well he succeeded in his task. In the General Introduction to the work he briefly set forth his purpose. He wanted to depict, he wrote, "all features of the Indian life and environment — types of the young and the old, with their habitations, industries, ceremonies, games and everyday customs." Much of the story was written in camp, and the accompanying pictures are, of course, directly from nature. "Rather than being designed for mere embellishment, the photographs are each an illustration of an Indian character or of some vital phase in his existence." They show, Mr. Curtis proudly emphasized, "what actually exists or has recently existed (for many of the subjects have already passed forever), not what the artist in his studio may presume the Indian and his surroundings to be."

But Mr. Curtis's intention, as well as his approach to the subject, may perhaps be best judged from this short paragraph: "While primarily a photographer," he insisted, "I do not see or think photographically; hence the story of the Indian life will not be told in microscopic detail, but rather will be presented as a broad and luminous picture. And I hope that while our extended observations among these brown people have given no shallow insight into

their life and thought, neither the pictures nor the descriptive matter will be found lacking in popular interest."

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Mr. Curtis is primarily a photographer and, it may be said at the beginning, the chief value of *The North American Indian* lies in its superb illustrations. Any one examining the work would naturally turn first to the plates; yet it should also be added that the text in itself, well-written and rich in content, deserves high consideration.

Indian studies have made tremendous progress since Mr. Curtis has launched his undertaking. In every field of research - antiquities, social organization, languages, religions, folk-lore — an increasing number of workers have been active during the last thirty years. Eighty years ago Henry R. Schoolcraft was able to compile, with the help of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, his Indian Tribes of the United States, purporting to give all the available historical and statistical information. The work, in five large volumes, is a significant achievement, topping all the early studies and explorations of such men as Thomas Jefferson, Albert Gallatin, P. S. Duponceau, Horatio Hale, and others. Comparatively little was done during the next generation, until the founding of the Bureau of American Ethnology in 1879. The appearance of Indian Linguistic Families of America North of Mexico, a monograph prepared by Major J. W. Powell, chief of the Bureau, with the assistance of Albert S. Gatschet and J. Owen Dorsey, is usually regarded as marking the end of the first period of the scientific study of the North American Indian. The classification of the Indian stocks suggested in this paper, first printed in 1891, is still accepted as valid. And a whole library of scientific works has been produced since that date. The Bureau of American Ethnology alone has published a hundred bulky Bulletins, besides the Annual Reports, each of which contains imposing monographs. At the American Museum of Natural History the leadership of Franz Boas, who in 1895 joined the staff, has proved especially fruitful. Besides, the anthropological departments of various universities, especially of the University of California and of the University of Pennsylvania, as well as the Peabody Museum of Harvard and the Field Columbian Museum in Chicago, have been busy centers of investigations, each issuing a series of important publications. No one man, as in the middle of the nineteenth century, can master to-day the immense subject of Indian life. He who wishes to write a comprehensive work must necessarily appeal to the general public and not to the specialist.

This is what Mr. Curtis has done. In twenty volumes, with the help of a few associates, he undertook to describe no less than seventy-seven tribes, about half of the existing number. Naturally, one cannot expect an exhaustive treatise about any one of them. We may choose the account of any tribe in any of the volumes and we shall find that against Mr. Curtis's twenty, thirty, or a hundred pages there are in print at least a half dozen heavy volumes on the same subject. Scholars, therefore, will make little use of The North American Indian. They must acknowledge the freshness of the descriptions and the fact that each account contains a great deal of material in well-rounded form; yet they can hardly regard the work, on any point of

its vast field, as a scientific contribution. The layman, however, who is not concerned with the variations of the labial consonants in the Shoshonian dialects, or who is satisfied with a general idea of the nature of Klamath shamanism, without wishing to learn every detail about the peregrinations of the soul — the layman looking for a vivid, yet scientifically reliable picture of the life of the various Indian tribes will not be disappointed.

The work was intended to be, as Mr. Curtis frankly stated, of "popular interest." And as such it fills an important place. There are a number of good handbooks about the North American Indian, but there is no popular publication which could be compared with Mr. Curtis's encyclopedic work.

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The following example may show more concretely the character of *The North American Indian*.

Half of the seventeenth volume — picked out at random — is devoted to the Tewa tribe. The Tewa Indians, Mr. Curtis relates in a short introduction, are a branch of the Tanoan linguistic stock, occupying five villages in the Rio Grande valley north of Santa Fé and a single pueblo in Arizona. The Tewa pueblos in New Mexico, from north to south, are San Juan, Santa Clara and San Ildefonso on or near the banks of the river, and Nambé and Tesuque in the broken country near the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo range. Hano, the Tewa settlement in Arizona, was founded by refugees from the Rio Grande after the Pueblo revolt of 1680. Pojoaque, another foothill town east of the Rio Grande, still exists, but its population has become entirely Mexican.

We are told that Oñate in 1598 mentioned eleven Tewa villages and that Benavides, a generation later, credited the eight towns of his day with a population of six thousand. The present population, according to the census of 1924, totals 1133. There is a strong infusion of Plains Indian blood among the Tewa.

"The following data on the customs of San Juan, San Ildefonso and Nambé," the introduction continues, "makes no pretense of completeness. Among the New Mexico pueblos the investigator learns what he can, and is inordinately gratified when the outer portal is left ajar for a few brief moments. The full tale of the Pueblo cults will never be told, for knowledge of many a tribe will be buried with the last of its devotces, as already is happening . . ."

One turns with curiosity to the pages describing the famous Snake Cult. "There is no doubt," Mr. Curtis (or one of his associates) writes, "that the Tewa and probably other Pueblos formerly and within recent years kept large rattlesnakes in captivity as creatures to be venerated and propitiated. Whether the custom still persists, and whether human sacrifice was made to the reptiles, which many native informants declare to have been the case, cannot be proved." He quotes various passages from the writings of A. F. Bandelier, who between 1880 and 1885 had carried on extensive explorations among the Indians of the Southwest. Bandelier declared, after relating some gruesome stories, that he would not believe in the existence of the cult until he was compelled to do so. A few years later he returned again to the subject. "The Indians confessed to me," he wrote now from personal experience, "that there exists among the Tehuas a special office of 'Keeper of the Snake.' This

office is in near relation with that of the Sa-jiu (a female chief of occult power). Until not long ago, and perhaps to-day, eight large rattlesnakes were kept in a house at San Juan alive, very secretly, and it was the Po-a-nyu, or keeper, who had them in charge. When the one that I saw was killed, the Indians of the pueblo showed both displeasure and alarm."

A more recent testimony is that of Mrs. Matilda Coxe Stevenson, of the Bureau of American Ethnology, who concluded her article on the "Strange Rites of the Tewa Indians," published in the Smithsonian Miscellaneous Col-

lections in 1904, with the following paragraph:

"The most shocking ceremony associated with the zooic worship of the Tewa is the propitiation of the rattlesnake with human sacrifice to prevent further destruction from the venomous bites of the reptile. The greatest secrecy is observed and the ceremonies are performed without the knowledge of the people, except those directly associated with the rite which is performed quadrennially. Although many legends of the various Pueblos have pointed indirectly to human sacrifice in the past, it was a revelation to Mrs. Stevenson when she was informed that this rite was observed by the Tewa at the present time; while it is said to exist only in two of the villages, she has reason to believe that they are not exceptions. In one village the subject is said to be the youngest female infant; in the other village an adult woman is reported to be sacrificed, a woman without a husband or children being selected whenever possible. The sacrificial ceremonies occur in the kiva. The subjects are drugged with Datura Metcloides until life is supposed to be extinct. At the proper time the body is placed upon a sand painting on the floor before the table altar and the ceremony proceeds amid incantations and strange performances. The infant is nude, and the woman is but scantily clad. After the flesh has decomposed and nothing but the bones remain the skeleton is deposited, with offerings, beneath the floor of an adjoining room of the kiva. The entire ceremony is performed with the greatest solemnity . . ."

The details of the alleged sacrifice, Mr. Curtis warns us, are unconfirmed. He records, however, the fact that soon after a New Mexico newspaper pulished portions of Mrs. Stevenson's story, Juan Rey Martinez, her informant,

was executed by a group of Santo Domingans.

The same jealous secrecy surrounds the whole social organization of the Tewa Indians. The population of every pueblo is divided into two ceremonial moieties — into "summer people" and "winter people" — each moiety being ruled over by a cacique. The associations of shamans, clowns, dancers are all strictly regulated. No civilized society could tolerate such an iron discipline as that of these "free" savages — the envy of every yearner for an unshackled life since Rousseau and Bernardin de St. Pierre. The war-chiefs — the most perfect police — see to it that order is maintained. Everybody belongs to a certain clan, the number of which is surprisingly large. In 1924 San Juan had 458 inhabitants, San Ildefonso 97, and Nambé 119, yet in San Juan there are known thirty-three clans, in San Ildefonso fifty-eight, and in Nambé sixty-eight. Most of these clans, it is true, are extinct to-day. The meaning of clanship has baffled Mr. Curtis, who confesses that he was unable to formulate "a satisfactory outline of Tanoan sociology."

One should note here that this same question has been exhaustively studied by Elsie Clews Parsons, whose work The Social Organization of the Tewa of New Mexico, a volume of 307 pages, was published by the American Anthropological Association in 1929. Miss Parsons has spent several seasons in the Pueblos, every inhabitant of which seems to be accounted for in her book, with precise indication of his or her social position. No Social Register — not even the Almanach de Gotha — could be more attentive to the claims of its clients.

But Miss Parsons's work is frivolously superficial compared with such treatises as John Peabody Harrington's The Ethnogeography of the Tewa Indians, published by the Bureau of American Ethnology in 1916. This opus, modestly called "a paper," comprises no less than 600 quarto pages, and, after a lengthy disquisition on Tewa "constringents," "voiceless fricatives," "glottalized clusives," etc., etc., the author holds out the cheerful promise: "An intensive study of Tewa phonetics has been made, the results of which will be published soon. The reader is referred to this forth-coming memoir for a more complete description of the Tewa sounds . . ." Every boulder and every sand-dune is identified in this book by its Indian name — and in a language and with a spelling that defy quotation. Yet there are oases even in the Pueblo desert. In the first chapter of the book one comes across this interesting bit of information: "The Tewa distinguish six cardinal directions or regions, namely: north, west, south, east, above, and below." There may be sense in that. But the Tewa knows no moderation. "Tewa symbolism assigns series of colors, persons, animals, plants, and inanimate objects to the cardinal directions. These identifications are not regarded as merely general information, but rather as a portion of secret ritual . . ."

The Ethnobotany of the Tewa Indians and the Ethnozoology of the Tewa Indians, of both of which Mr. Harrington is a co-author, should be mentioned here also, as well as Miss Parsons's Tewa Tales. And it should be added that all these monographs contain extensive bibliographies, running into several pages.

The account of the Tewa Indians in Mr. Curtis's *The North American* Indian comprises only 84 pages, besides a few pages of appendix.

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However, the illustrations are the most important part of the work. The information provided by the text is available elsewhere, but the pictures are unique.

The plates in the volumes,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size, are very impressive. One is apt to be lost in their contemplation — until one looks into the portfolios. The interest then inevitably shifts to the large photo-engravings. These plates,  $12 \times 16$  inches in size, are works of art, and may be considered independently. Turning them over one after another, one has the feeling of passing through a great picture gallery.

Few photographers have ever had such an inexhaustibly rich and grateful subject-matter to record as Mr. Curtis. That he discovered the opportunity and then used it, is indeed one of his chief merits. He was certainly justified in writing in his Introduction: "The fact that the Indian and his surroundings lend themselves to artistic treatment has not been lost sight of, for in his

country one may treat limitless subjects of an aesthetic character without in any way doing injustice to scientific accuracy or neglecting the homelier phases of aboriginal life." Mr. Curtis's claim seems rather too modest if anything. "Indeed, in a work of this sort," he wrote, "to overlook those marvellous touches that Nature has given to the Indian country, and for the origin of which the native ever has a wonder-tale to relate, would be to neglect a most important chapter in the story of an environment that made the Indian much of what he is."

At least half of the plates are simple portraits; the others are photographs of groups, genre scenes on sea shore, at brooks, on mountain-tops; and there are pure landscapes, and pictures of the objects made by the natives. Interiors are lacking. The pictures of civilized life — buildings, streets, machines, people hurrying after business — are absent. Under these circumstances, individuals offered to Mr. Curtis the greatest possibility for variety. And one is happy to say that his ability lay in that direction. Few of his land-scapes are altogether satisfactory, whereas many of his portraits are master-pieces.

One naturally stops at the first picture, entitled "The Vanishing Race." A trail of horsemen, dimly lit figures, wearily passing toward the dark mountains. Mr. Curtis wrote this explanation for the plate: "The thought which this picture is meant to convey is that the Indians as a race, already shorn of their tribal strength and stripped of their primitive dress, are passing into the darkness of an unknown future. Feeling that the picture expresses so much of the thought that inspired the entire work, the author has chosen it as the first of the series."

The second picture is a portrait of an old Apache — that of the famous Geronimo. It was taken at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the day before the inauguration of President Roosevelt, Geronimo being one of the warriors who took part in the inaugural parade at Washington. The old man, according to his own calculations, was seventy-six years old then. But that wrinkled face, inscrutable to a white man, seems ageless.

The portrait of another Apache — Alchisé — follows. Arm and upper body naked, he is leaning against a tree trunk, his eyes peering into the distance. What a dignity in the face, in the restful yet alert posture of the body! A Chief indeed that man was, a natural-born prince. Colonel Cooley, who was a leader of scouts under General Cook and who knew him, said that "a braver man than Alchisé never lived."

Next, the picture of a girl. "This illustrates the girls' method of tying their hair previous to marriage," Mr. Curtis writes, adding the further information: "The ornament fastened to the hair in the back is made of leather, broad and round at the ends and narrow in the middle." So this is a mere fashion-plate. But before looking at the hair-band and ornament, one cannot help admiring that lovely face, so full of timid, tender expression. Surely, the pictures of mannikins are more wisely chosen for the photogravure sections of our Sunday newspapers. There is nothing in those faces to divert the attention from the merchandise which they advertise.

There is a group of story-tellers, some still on horse-back, others sitting on the boulders; a solitary scout, mounted on his horse, naked, his hair hang-

ing on his shoulders; a flock of sheep grazing on a hill-side; a band of horsemen emerging from the dark gorge of a canyon; men and women turning homeward before the breaking storm; three Navahos, crouching close to each other, watching some point of interest; a Jicarilla maiden, dressed in deerskin and wearing heavy beads on her neck and a large knot of yarn on each side of her hair; an old woman, far less inviting to look at; a medicine-man, with thin, sunken face, intellectual as behoves an ecclesiastic; and finally the portrait of another man — disdainful, energetic, self-reliant — a Navaho Napoleon in the desert . . .

These are only a few of the pictures, selected at first sight from the first portfolio.

Clearly, it would be impossible to go through all the seven hundred and more plates and describe here every one at which the eye is compelled to stop. Some of the pictures strike one with the intensity of a new sensation. The face of that Maricopa girl, for example, with a smile lighting up her young, innocent features; the bent figure of a Sioux woman, carrying home her heavy load of branches from the winter forest; Apsaroka warriors, massed together on a hill-top, as if ready for the chase; Arikara medicine-men squatting in a semi-circle around the sacred cedar-tree; a Kutenai in his canoe, gathering rushes in the swamps; an old Chinook woman, with staff and clam-basket, making her way over the mud flats of the bay; a primitive Quinault girl in a knee-length kilt, standing among the foliage; masked Qágyuhl dancers — Wasp, Thunderbird, and Grizzly Bear — getting ready to disembark while their canoes slowly move shoreward . . . The mind becomes tired before one gets through three or four portfolios.

Some of the portfolios are, of course, richer in successful plates than others. In the twelfth, for instance, there are four or five which are wholly admirable. The picture of the old crouching woman, a potter mixing clay, is unforgettable. Her shrivelled skin is hanging in folds, yet she is still eagerly toiling. A Chaiwa maid, her hair in two large knots, is full of unconscious charm. "Loitering at the Spring" shows a group of Walpi and Hano girls in holiday clothes, happy in their desert home. The Buffalo Dance of the Hopi, in a pueblo on the Upper Rio Grande, is both natural and picturesque. But the most beautiful piece in the group — indeed, in the whole collection — is the portrait of a Hopi girl, her softly modelled face shown against her silhouette, as aristocratic as any princess can be.

The chances are not always so good. In the thirteenth portfolio — unlucky number — the pictures are stale. Is it that Mr. Curtis's camera went flat for a whole season? No less than nine tribes — the Hupy, Yurok, Wujot, Tolowa among them — are represented in the series, and many of their old men are as weirdly wrinkled as the sages of any other tribe. The rivers and the forests, too, seem sufficiently romantic. Yet the pictures, somehow, miss their mark.

The next two portfolios are again exciting. They contain at least a dozen portraits which are of the very first order. A mixed-blood Pomo, with large lips and wise eyes; a Pomo girl with wide features and a beautiful, sensual mouth; an old Diegueño of Capitan Grande, with grey beard, mous-

tache and whiskers, calm and intelligent; a desert Cahuilla woman, with face as smooth as that of an Egyptian statue; an old man of the same tribe, with the hardened look of a judge; a charming Washo woman, the soft contours of her head even emphasizing the inner strength of her personality . . . there is a native distinction — a natural elegance — in these faces, characteristic perhaps of the race. All these portraits could be framed and hung to ornament any room.

The scorching sun of the Pueblo desert had sometimes made the task of the photographer trying. Mr. Curtis, anxious to give a sense of the place, obviously made some of his exposures in glaring light. As a result, one "feels" the desert, but at the expense of depth and nuance. The rocks are all in one plane, their formations and shadows strangely missed. "A Feast Day at Acoma" is one of the few good pictures of this kind. But even here many of the portraits are magnificent. The faces of Lucero and, especially, of Kyello—both Santo Domingans—are among the most amazing in the whole series. There is a ferocity—an ancient, racial, imperturbable cruelty—in Kyello's eyes that reminds one of the young Indian in D. H. Lawrence's story "The Woman Who Rode Away."

The plates in the last three portfolios are distinctly below the earlier ones. The fault may be in the process of reproduction, which failed to bring out the plasticity of these sculptured faces. It is a pity, for among the Blackfoot, Assiniboin, Cheyenne, Wichita and other tribes Mr. Curtis has found a large number of characters which would thrill any real photographer. But most of the genre pictures, with their artificial posing, are unsatisfactory even in composition.

After the examination of this great collection, the question naturally arises — what is Mr. Curtis's position in American photography? Judging from his successes and failures, one gains the inevitable impression that he is an artist by instinct rather than by following a conscious theory. This has both its advantages and its defects. Unhampered by an imposed discipline, he is also lacking in the finer sensibilities which only cultivation can develop. For this reason, his range is narrow; the field in which he is properly at home is limited. During his time photography, a new art, has produced such masters as Alfred Stieglitz, Gertrude Käsebier, Clarence H. White, and Eduard E. Steichen in America; Robert Demachy, Craig Annan, Heinrich Kühn and others in Europe. Due largely to their efforts, photography in our day has reached a very high standard, as any exhibit of any local Camera Club may show. Mr. Curtis, to the knowledge of this writer, has had no affiliation with the "pictorialists." He has taken no part in the debates, except by his work. But his best work — at least in portrait photography — equals the best work of his contemporaries in this country or abroad.

Between June 13 and 19 the twenty volumes of *The North American Indian* and about one hundred selected plates will be placed on view in the Exhibition Room of the Library.

Zoltán Haraszti

# The Ashley Library

ROM the estate of the late George H. Sargent, the noted bibliographer, the Boston Public Library has acquired a , valuable and significant ten-volume work, the catalogue of the Ashley Library, compiled by the owner and collector, Thomas James Wise. The Ashley Library is considered A Com-文章 元氏等文章 prising printed books, manuscripts and autograph letters

of English authors, mainly poets and dramatists, it was built up on no other principle than the taste and catholic interest of its collector. Mr. Wise has himself described and annotated every item in his library. Although certain gaps are apparent, yet these volumes, in the words of Mr. A. Edward Newton, are "a tool for the scholar, a weapon for the bookseller and a suit of armor for the collector."

The ten volumes were issued successively within the period from 1922 to 1930, in a limited edition of two hundred copies. Each volume has an Introduction by some well-known writer or bibliographer, and these ten essays, by Edmund Gosse, E. V. Lucas, John Drinkwater, J. C. Squire and others, in themselves make delightful reading. What all prefacers agree on is Mr. Wise's insistence on the excellent condition of his items and the completeness and inclusiveness of his collection.

An obvious attraction of the catalogue is the abundance of illustrations interspersed throughout the text; facsimiles of manuscripts and title-pages, reproductions of bindings. But it is in the annotations that the real charm as well as the worth of these volumes will be found. In cases of different issues within an edition, Mr. Wise has traced all the errata and the changes made by an author from one issue to another. Through such details many a surprising bit of biographical information comes to light. In many cases Mr. Wise, in order to elucidate a problem, has quoted correspondence in regard to an item and the opinions of other bibliographers.

The arrangement of the catalogue is alphabetical, by authors. This gives each volume an exciting variety which it would not have with a topical or chronological classification. One wonders what will come next, and one finds, to be sure, some odd juxtapositions — Francis Quarles followed by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, Massinger by André Maurois, Shakespeare by Shaw. But Mr. Wise has his favorites, and one cannot help being especially impressed with the Shelley and Swinburne collections. It is impossible in a brief sketch to do justice to the contents of the ten volumes; it must suffice to point out some of the conspicuous features.

In volume I, eleven pages list editions of Beaumont and Fletcher's plays with numerous examples of title-pages. Here also will be found, among the few Burns items, the rare Kilmarnock edition of 1786 of Burns's Poems chiefly in Scottish dialect. Into the first volume also belongs the rich Brontë material which Mr. Wise has supplemented in later volumes. There are several manuscript letters from Charlotte Brontë, including one in which she wrote to Mr. W. Smith Williams: "Were I obliged to copy any former novelist, even the greatest, even Scott, in anything, I would not write . . ." The Brownings, too, are excellently represented, with numerous manuscript letters, including the earliest extant letter of Robert Browning. Among the Browning first editions is the rare 1833 one of Pauline; a Fragment of a Confession. Here also are the twenty-five pages of Byron entries. A copy of the first edition of Byron's first publication, the Fugitive Pieces, with misprints corrected by the poet's hand, Mr. Wise considers "one of the most valuable and most elusive modern poetical rarities." One cannot leave this volume without mentioning the Congreve first editions, numerous fine Coleridge items and the twenty-eight pages devoted to Joseph Conrad.

In volume II are the Defoe items which include a number of his ephemeral pamphlets, but no "Robinson Crusoe"; also first editions of works by the Elizabethans Dekker and Heywood. The Dickens list contains few books; the chief attraction here lies in the many letters, some unpublished. The most distinguished part of volume II is the catalogue of the Dryden collection with its seventy-three entries, all in first editions and mostly in first issues. Gray's Elegy written in a Country Churchyard is in the Strawberry Hill edition

of 1757.

Opening volume III, one turns naturally to Keats, and again the original holograph letters are the most absorbing. Included is a letter of 1821 to the mother of Fanny Brawn from Joseph Severn in Rome in which he tells how he is taking care of the poet in his illness. "For three weeks I have never left him," he wrote, "I have sat up all night . . . I have read to him nearly all day, even in the night . . ." Seven further letters from Severn, addressed to Charles Armitage Brown, are concerned with the illness and death of Keats. In the same volume are the Walter Savage Landor and Charles Lamb lists; here are seven of the eight first anonymous editions of the Tales of Shake-speare, printed as children's books. The Ben Jonson entries include Every Man in his Humour in the quarto edition of 1600, but not the collected works of 1616. In the section on Milton is the entry of the first edition of Comus, described as "unquestionably the largest and finest copy yet recovered"; it was found in a volume of the plays of George Farquhar which came to light in a country library.

Volume IV, rich though it is also in other items, notably Prior, is occupied mainly with Pope and Rossetti. Under Pope there is a bibliographical essay on the variations in the editions and issues of *The Dunciad*. The Rossetti collection is important for the manuscript poems and numerous letters which throw light on the relations of the Pre-Raphaelites to one another. One may mention also a considerable Ruskin list and several first editions of Scott's poetical works.

In volume V there are no original Shakespeares listed, the first folios and quartos being present only in facsimile; but Spenser is represented by *The Faerie Queen* of 1590 and the *Second Part of the Faerie Queen* of 1596, besides numerous other entries. But the most important part of this volume is the

Shelley list of 128 pages, besides lavish illustrations. Here are letters from Shelley to his father, to Thomas Love Peacock, to Jane Clairmont, to Byron and others, and letters from Harriet and from Mary Shelley. On a letter from Shelley to Mary Godwin, written in 1816, Mr. Wise comments: "It has been printed repeatedly, but on no occasion has it been given in full." A paragraph, reflecting on the life of Shelley's first wife Harriet, has for the first time been restored. Among the valuable first editions are an exceedingly rare Queen Mab of 1813, Shelley's own copy. The first edition of 1817 of The Revolt of Islam should be mentioned and three other great rarities: Laon and Cythia, in the first issue of the first edition of 1818, containing a fly-leaf which is absent in almost every other extant copy of the first edition; the Adonais of 1821; and the Episychidion of 1821.

The sixth volume lists some impressive first editions of Swift, among them the Travels to several Remote Nations of the World by Lemuel Gulliver. of 1726. But most of the volume is devoted to Swinburne - and it should be said here that the Swinburne titles overflow into volume VII. This Swinburne collection is a decided contribution to serious scholarship. The bibliographer will find much to delight him, as, for example, the two-page annotation to the first issue of the first edition of Poems and Ballads, in which all the subsequently corrected errors are listed. But again the biographer will triumph as he comes upon the unpublished manuscript poems, acid with satire, and letters from Swinburne to Rossetti, to Edmund Gosse and others. In a long letter to Watts-Dunston of 1876, in which Swinburne expressed his contempt for his slanderers, he wrote: "I am conscious of nothing that should make me more afraid or ashamed than the most rigid Puritan need be to stand before the world as I am." Among the rare first editions are Swinburne's own copy of Atalanta in Calydon of 1865; the first issue of the first edition of Poems and Ballads of 1866, and William Blake. A critical Essay of 1867.

In volume VII are the facsimiles of the fascinating and sometimes gruesome title-pages to the works of the seventeenth century pamphleteer John Taylor. The Tennyson items in this volume cover over sixty pages. Of special interest are Tennyson's private publications and "trial-books," like the first issue of *The Lover's Tale* of which only six copies were printed.

The eighth volume is notable for the Wordsworth collection, including a seventy-three page manuscript of the poem *The Waggoner*, of which four pages are shown in facsimile, and the exceedingly rare Bristol edition of the *Lyrical Ballads* of 1798. The rest of volume VIII contains titles of additions to the library and omissions. These are continued in volume IX which has also the excellent Index. The tenth volume is filled with various supplementary material, especially by Thomas Hardy and Stevenson.

This copy of *The Ashley Library* was the first complete set to be offered at public sale. It will be an interesting task to check up the first editions in the Boston Public Library which duplicate those in the Ashley Library, and it may be safely asserted that there are many. These ten volumes may therefore be expected to serve the additional purpose of aiding the research student at work in the Boston Public Library.

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# Ten Books

In Convicting the Innocent [3634.65] Edwin M. Borchard, Professor of Law in Yale University, presents sixty-five cases of "miscarriages of justice." Some of the cases are classics in American jurisprudence, but most of them occurred in recent years. In twenty-nine out of the sixty-five a mistaken identification of the accused by the victim of the crime was responsible for the conviction, which shows how distorted the powers of observation of a victim may become by his extraordinary experience. In thirteen of the cases no crime at all was committed. Erroneous convictions on circumstantial evidence are numerous enough to be disturbing, and there are especially many cases in which the perjury of the prosecuting or other witnesses, taking advantage of circumstantial evidence, was the main factor in the conviction. "In a very considerable number," Professor Borchard writes, "the zealousness of the police or private detectives, or the gross negligence of the police in overlooking or even suppressing evidence of innocence, or the prosecution's overzealousness was the operative factor in causing the erroneous conviction." Such lapses from the impartial enforcement of the law, the author maintains, are hardly excusable. Yet, he writes, "it is common knowledge that the prosecuting technique in the United States is to regard a conviction as a personal victory calculated to enhance the prestige of the prosecutor." Public opinion, excited by the crime and moved to revenge, is often as much to blame as the prosecutor. In several of the cases in the collection the convicted prisoner, later proved innocent, was saved from hanging or electrocution by a hairbreadth. "How many wrongfully convicted persons have actually been executed, it is impossible to say," Professor Borchard writes, "but that these cases offer a convincing argument for the abolition of the death penalty, certainly in cases of convictions on circumstantial evidence, can hardly be gainsaid." The unreliability of socalled "expert" evidence is disclosed

by eight striking instances.

The cases as related by Professor Borchard are extremely readable. They are told briefly, in simple objective language, extending to four or five pages only, yet containing all the essential facts. Each case reads like a short story, with plots which are certainly exciting. The narratives are based on the original court records and other official documents. In the research Professor Borchard was helped by Mr. E. Russell Lutz.

The volume is dedicated to Professor John A. Wigmore, of Northwestern University, and to Professor Felix Frankfurter, of the Harvard Law School.

Who could remain impervious to the allurement of a book with a title like A Short Introduction to the History of Human Stupidity [5608.204]? It is a volume of 570 pages, of nearly quarto size. Yet the author, Mr. Walter B. Pitkin, calmly informs us that the book is a mere prelude, which ought to be followed by thirty or forty volumes. "A brief prologue," "a little curtainraiser" are among his other endearing expressions for "the booklet." Mr. Pitkin's thesis is that in the history of mankind undue attention has been paid to the extreme types of personality, such as geniuses and criminals, and that the common people and their frailties have been altogether neglected. It is this want of information about the common people that the volume so far as a short introduction can go

- undertakes to supply. Several friends helped Mr. Pitkin with characteristic cases of stupidity in the compilation of his opus; the arrangement and interpretations, however, are exclusively In divisions bearing imhis own. pressive Greek titles are marshalled the innumerable phobias and plain weaknesses of mankind; yet with all its genial pretence at system and science, the book is a supreme hodgepodge, the main purpose of which is to provide the author with opportunity for venting his own opinions. Wisdom and foolishness, sound judgment and obvious idiosyncracy, propounded with equally strong conviction and with an altogether happy inventiveness of style and imagination, may be found side by side in the volume.

Norman Thomas, Presidential candidate of the Socialist Party in 1928, calls his recent volume As I See It [4227.339]. As the title indicates, the tone of the volume is individualistic. The first essay, "Reconsiderations," states with precision Mr. Thomas's present position in regard to problems with which he dealt in his "America's Way Out," a book published last year. The urgency for reform, he thinks, is even greater to-day than it was last year. He proposes several of them. In the interest of the farmers, he advocates the restoration of the price level of 1927. For a large program of public works, he believes, a five billion dollar "hunger loan" should be raised, which should be repaid out of income or inheritance taxes or, if necessary, out of a capital levy. In the essay entitled "The Next Decade" Mr. Thomas paints a discouraging picture of the events to come. "Continuance of the present drift means catastrophe," he writes "- probably within the decade a new world war, but prior to that, and even if that should be avoided, growing unrest, discontent, disorder, riots and perhaps positive revolt here in the United States." Any approximation to social revolution within this decade will be, however, fascist rather than communist. Toward the various schemes

of economic planning, which have been recently suggested, Mr. Thomas is decidedly sceptical, because they evade the important question, for whom the planning is to be done? for the investors, speculators, or workers?

Edmund Wilson, author of The American Jitters [2368.285], is known chiefly as a highly cultivated and sensitive literary critic. Since the publication of his "Axel's Castle," a volume of studies in modern American and European literatures, Mr. Wilson has turned to social problems. About a year ago he began a series of articles in the New Republic, all devoted to various ills of our economic system from the bankruptcy of the Bank of the United States to suicides in Brooklyn, from the strike at Lawrence, Mass. to the disappointment of Eisenstein in Hollywood. These articles are brought together in the present volume. Mr. Wilson calls them "straight reporting of actual happenings." This description, however, fits them only in that their contents are based on facts; but the style and tone are very different from those of ordinary reports. There are passages in this book which could not be missed from any anthology of the best contemporary American prose. Unfortunately, this sort of writing has its disadvantage. Mr. Wilson is a stylist to a fault; reading his articles, one cannot escape the suspicion of selfconsciousness on his part, as if the temporary quality of his material had spurred him, because of the contrast, to an even greater effort to achieve a permanent form. Now, the first law of good writing — as of every other art · is that the medium be suited to the subject-matter. Mr. Wilson's "straight reporting" loses some of its effectiveness by its extra burden of fine literature.

The articles of H. R. Knickerbocker on Germany, written for the New York Evening Post and reprinted in a volume *The German Crisis* [2819.172], are as lively, well-informed and instructive as were his articles on Soviet Russia, which won for him last year the Pulit-

zer Prize of Journalism. Mr. Knickerbocker is a genuine newspaperman: quick in observation as well as in communication. His rapid style makes rapid reading; no one would leave any of his articles unfinished. And yet, side by side with personal impressions, a vast amount of statistical data is janumed into these "light" newspaper accounts. Herr Hitler is, of course, at the centre of interest in the volume. "Hitlerites and Reds Imperil the German Republic" is the title of the first article, and there are several others about the leader of the National Socialists. But the book is by no means one-sided. Mr. Knickerbocker gives a comprehensive picture of the poverty of the masses, the gay night-life of Berlin, the fear of a new invasion of the Ruhr, the problem of reparations and of the debt cancellation, etc. How the possible turns in the fate of the German Republic may affect the American investments in Germany, now amounting to three billion dollars, is a constantly recurring theme in the volume.

The Medical Value of Psychoanalysis [3606.311] by Dr. Franz Alexander member of the Psychoanalytic Institute of Berlin, who has been recently appointed to be the first Professor of Psychoanalysis at Chicago University — is "an attempt to clarify the problematic relation of psychoanalysis to medicine." The book consists of five chapters. In the first the author sketches the development of psychoanalysis and the resistance of the orthodox medical circles to it; in the second he describes some of the outstanding discoveries of psychoanalysis, such as infantile sexuality and the Oedipus complex, and explains the method of free association, perhaps the most important part of psychoanalytic technique; in the third chapter he points out the possibility of detrimental effects of the psychoanalytic treatment of severe psychoses, and recommends the modifications of technique in such cases; next he considers the psychological influences on organic diseases; and finally he discusses the position of

psychoanalysis in modern education. offering suggestions for practical training in psychoanalysis in medical schools. The signifiance of psychoanalysis for medicine, according to Dr. Alexander, lies in the facts that "... it has developed a consistent and empirically founded theory of the personality" and "it has given a concrete content to the philosophic postulate that living beings are psycho-biological entities, by investigating in detail the interrelation of physiological and psychological processes." Dr. Alexander has a gift for lucid exposition. He writes in a forceful style that has a popular appeal without sacrificing scientific precision.

Everything that Mr. Van Wyck Brooks, a most conscientious and incisive critic, writes deserves attention. His latest book, The Life of Emerson [2346.162], is his first full-length bio-The work has solid merits. graphy. Every line of it is based on fact, drawn chiefly from Emerson's own Journals; yet crowded as the story is, it flows smoothly and lightly. In each chapter the author tried to recreate a particular phase in the development of the Concord philosopher. He has succeeded well. The mood is there, as is the incomparable charm of the man, that indefinable quality that set him apart among his contemporaries and invested him with a curious halo even in his lifetime. But the book is more than a biography of Emerson. Though the narrative is brief, all the literati of contemporary Boston and New York not to mention the extraordinary group of poets, writers and thinkers of Emer-. son's own Concord - have their place in the volume.

The Life of Mendel [3829.243] by Hugo Iltis, translated from the German, may now be read in English. Gregor (Johann) Mendel was born in 1822 of a peasant family in Heinzendorf in northeastern Moravia. Through the aid of a sister, he acquired a school education; and at the age of twentyone he joined the Augustinians at the monastery of St. Thomas in Altbrünn.

Four years later he was ordained priest, but he was less suited to the duties of a parish priest than to those of a school-teacher in natural science, which he carried on faithfully until he was elected prelate and head of his monastery. The years of school teaching were also the years of his fruitful experimentation with animals and plants, to mention only his discovery of the law of heredity, now known as "the Mendelian law." The scientific reader will find much of interest in the accounts of Mendel's relation to other biologists.

Mr. Claude Moore Fuess was particularly well equipped to write a thorough and sympathetic life of Carl Schurz, Reformer [4223.164]. Fuess who, as he writes, learned stories of the "Forty-eighters" at his grandfather's knee, has given an understanding and colourful account of the revolution in Prussia, in which Carl Schurz as a young student played a conspicuous part. It was due to his participation in the revolution and his consequent exile that Schurz sailed for America in 1852. His rapid career in the United States, of which he soon became a citizen, has some unique features. Entering politics in Wisconsin, where he had settled, he was a fervent anti-slavery man and a "Lincoln crusader" in the Lincoln-Douglas campaign. In the Civil War he rose to the rank of Major-General. Senator and later as Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet of President Cleveland he worked for sound money. conservation and anti-imperialism. While in the Cabinet, he put his theory of civil service reform into practice. Superior to immediate party interests and ready to change party allegiance for the sake of reforms, he became known as a "Mugwump." The biographer has painted an excellent portrait of this individual character, who was intensely ambitious, yet extremely simple in his life, and who never relinquished his scholarly and musical interests during his long career as publicist and statesman.

Saints and Sinners [2246.178], the last volume of the late Gamaliel Bradford, contains seven biographical sketches. Francis à Kempis and Fénelon are the saints, and Caesar Borgia, Casanova, Talleyrand and Byron are the sinners, whose souls are analysed and charted in the volume. Mr. Bradford insisted on calling his portraits "psychographs" and not biographies. People were puzzled by the word and failed to perceive the particular characteristics which it implied. But Mr. Bradford was right in separating his work from the usual biographies; for what he was interested in was the soul and not life in its totality. There are no narratives of actions or events in his writings; the inner qualities of his subjects, almost entirely detached from material circumstances, are examined and described. This was not merely a question of style with Mr. Bradford; on the contrary, it was the most essential part of his method and the logical consequence of his purpose. His psychological sketches deserve a special name, because they represent a special genre. As to the value of Mr. Bradford's performance - one should add that these portraits are beautiful, full of individual touches and precise in their delineation. The author's technique is easy yet consummate, based on the fundamental understanding of his subjects and never remaining on the level of mere routine. Yet, with all its excellence, something is lacking in the book: the passion and intensity, the taste and smell of life itself. Graphs are drawn with a pencil and not painted with oil. Mr. Bradford explains, but does not create. Even so, the one hundred character sketches which he produced in these last twenty years are perhaps the nearest approach to the "Portraits" of the great French writer, Sainte-Beuve.

# Library Notes

Mr. Harry M. Lydenberg, Assistant Director of the New York Public Library, has been elected President of the American Library Association at the Annual Conference held at New Orleans in the last week of April. Mr. Lydenberg, who is the forty-fifth President of the Association, thus succeeds in office Miss Josephine A. Rathbone. Vice-Director of the Pratt Institute of Library Science, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The new President of the A.L.A. has had varied experience in his profession. He began his library service in 1896 as cataloguer at the Lenox Branch of the New York Public Library. He has been associated with the New York Public Library ever since — from 1899 to 1908 as Assistant to the Director, from 1908 to 1927 as Chief Reference Librarian, and since 1928 as Assistant Director.

Mr. Lydenberg is the author of a history of the New York Public Library, a work of over 600 pages, published in 1923. He has also written a biography of John Shaw Billings, first director of the New York Public Library, and edited various historical manuscripts. His latest book "The Care and Repair of Books," which he wrote in partnership with John Archer, was published in 1931.

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Twelve hundred and eighty librarians attended the New Orleans Conference of the American Library Association. Representatives from every state of the Union, as well as delegates from England, Canada, Peru and Honolulu were present. In comparison with the attendance at the New Haven Conference last year, the number is not large; considering, however, the location of New

Orleans and the economic situation of most libraries, it is surprising that so many people were present.

Miss Josephine A. Rathbone made the first address at the Conference on "Creative Librarianship," emphasizing that the main duty of the librarian is "to know books and to understand the book needs of people." Edwin R. Embree, President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, Chicago, spoke of the urgent need for more libraries in the South. Lient.-Col. J. M. Mitchell, President of the British Library Association, described the evolution and current development of the country library service in Great Britain. Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina, discussed "The Public Library in America." Finally, Hendrik W. Van Loon spoke of "A Historian Looks at a Changing World." "In the present changing world the things we have always believed in are gone, and the things we are about to believe in are not quite clear" — this, rather pessimistic statement was the keynote of his address.

There were four general session meetings, besides the meetings of the council. A number of resolutions were adopted. Those interested may be referred to the May 15 issue of *The Library Journal*, in which the full text of the resolutions is printed.

From May 29 to June 15 there will be an exhibition of Indian Tribal Arts at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The exhibition, in which works of twenty-four Indian tribes are represented, includes jewelry, paintings, pottery and textiles, and was arranged under the auspices of the College Art Association. The first exhibition of the material was held in the Grand

Central Galleries in New York in last November, and since then it has been shown in various cities of the East.

The exhibition of the twenty volumes and one hundred selected plates of The North American Indian, by Edward S. Curtis - which will be held, as mentioned elsewhere, between June 13 and 19 in the Exhibition Room of the Boston Public Library - will complement, in a way, the Museum exhibit.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts has published a folio volume, Three McIntire Rooms from Peabody, Massachusetts [\*4061.03-104], written by Edwin J. Hipkiss, Curator of the Department of Decorative Arts of Europe and America. The three rooms now in the Boston Museum were, until November 1921, a part of "Oak Hill," a house belonging to Mrs. Jacob Crowninshield Rogers in Peabody, Mass. "They are, we believe," Mr. Hipkiss writes, "unsurpassed as a suite of rooms by the architect, Samuel McIntire; they contain some of the best Salem furniture of the period; and they are seen once more in their original condition. except for a few minor replacements, furnished only with objects and materials of the period, including many of the pieces used in these rooms by the first owner of the house, Elizabeth Derby West." The house was built during 1800 and 1801 for Captain and Mrs. Nathaniel West. The architect Samuel McIntire (1757-1811) was born, lived and died in Salem, Mass., where he was the leading craftsman-architect.

The volume contains twenty-seven full-page plates; showing, besides an exterior view of the original house, details of the interior and furnishings as they may be seen at the Museum. These show the decorated white wood panelling, fire-places with paintings over the mantelpieces, the window curtains, rugs, candelabra, clocks and the beautiful furniture. Seven measured drawings by Herbert Lynes Beckwick follow the photographs which were taken by Charles Darling.

A notable acquisition has been made for the Library's valuable collection of rare mathematical and astronomical works through the purchase of a first edition copy of the first collected works of Galileo, Opere di Galileo Galilei. The book was published in Bologna in 1655-56, in two volumes. The editor of the collection was Carlo Monlessi whose dedication addressed to Ferdinand II, Grand Duke of Tuscany, precedes his epistle to "the discreet, virtuous readers."

The frontispiece of the first volume is a symbolical design showing the astronomer kneeling before three figures who appear to be angels and pointing, for their instruction, at the sun. Opposite the first treatise in the volume is a charming portrait of Galileo, in a decorative frame, the work of F. Villamoena.

The dissertations, printed with their original title pages, are in Italian, except two in Latin. The text is for the most part printed in italics, whereas the titles and dedications are in Roman letters. Throughout the text numerous diagrams are interspersed. — The callnumber is \*\*E.220.48.

"The complete and well arranged copies of this edition," one may read in the Bibliografia Galileiana by A. Carli and A. Favaro, "are not common today; and this is so because the different treatises of which it is composed, having each its own frontispiece and date, were often removed from the entire body of the edition, and often were found put together arbitrarily, notwithstanding the index for the two volumes that constitute the collection which is at the beginning of the first."

Four volumes have been published of The Works of Milton [2601.22] in the Columbia University edition. Under the general editorship of Frank Allen Patterson, the task of editing the different works of Milton, both verse and prose, has been divided among several scholars.

"It is a strange fact," the editorial preface states, "that no complete edition of the works of John Milton has hitherto appeared." It has been planned that the present collection should be published at intervals between 1931 and 1935 and should comprise eighteen volumes when complete. The set will contain all of Milton's works which the editors consider genuine; the final volume will include some doubtful pieces. With Milton's compositions in Latin, Greek or Italian, the English translations are printed opposite the original versions. The text throughout follows the latest edition published in Milton's life-time and, in other cases, the manuscript copies or the earliest editions published after his The editors have used the original spelling, punctuation and italics; the familiar opening line of "Il Penseroso." for example, reads: "Hence vain deluding joyes." In each volume there are explanatory notes which give the textual variations in the different editions.

Of the four volumes now published, all but the fourth consist of two separately bound parts. In the first volume are the shorter English poems, including the Sonnets, "Lycidas," "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso," "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity," etc., edited by Frank Allen Patterson; the Italian poems, edited, with prose translations, by Arthur Livingstone; the Latin and Greek poems, edited by W. P. Trent, with English prose translations by Charles Knapp; and "Samson Agonistes," edited by Mr. Patterson. "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regain'd," also edited by Mr. Patterson, fill volume II. The third and fourth volumes contain Milton's controversial prose writings, edited by Harry Morgan Avres, Allan Abbott, William Haller, and the late Chilton L. Powell.

A two volume collection of *The Letters of Robert Burns* [4545.242] by J. De Lancey Ferguson represents, as the editor states in the Preface, the first systematic attempt to edit the letters of Robert Burns from the original manuscripts.

In his Introduction, Dr. Ferguson gives an account of the previous editions of Burns letters. Since 1896 no general revision of the Burns correspondence has been made, though much additional material has ben discovered, some of which was edited by Francis H. Allen and published in a limited edition in Boston in 1927. The present edition includes, among the seven hundred letters given, over fifty letters published for the first time. Every letter in this collection has been edited from the original manuscript whenever this could be traced, and when a manuscript was not available, the earliest printed text has generally been followed.

It is interesting to learn that the known Burns manuscripts are almost equally divided between Great Britain and the United States, with a slightly larger number in the latter. The largest Burns collection, comprising 117 letters, is in the Morgan Library, New York. Other letters are in the Huntington Library at San Marino, California and in private collections in New York, Pennsylvania, and St. Louis.

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Maryland Silversmiths 1715–1830 by J. Hall Pleasants and Howard Sill is a folio volume, issued in a limited edition, with numerous fine illustrative plates. Mr. Sill had for twenty years collected specimens of old Maryland silver and photographed pieces owned by Maryland families. This material forms the content of the present large work, which was continued by Mr. Pleasants after the death of Mr. Sill in 1927.

The numerous plates in the volume show, besides portraits of the craftsmen, the objects they made — pitchers, cups, bowls, sugar tongues — with their simple and noble lines. Of interest to specialists are the marks of the silversmiths, and a facsimile reproduction, on forty plates, of the design book of William Faris who, though born in London, worked in Annapolis from 1756 to his death in 1804, as "silversmith, watch maker, clock maker, designer, portrait painter, cabinet maker,

tulip grower, tavern keeper, dentist, diarist and gossip." — The call-number is \*8176.05-103.

Himalayan Art [\*4081.04-104], by J. C. French, an English connoisseur in the Indian Civil Service, is a distinctive history and description of art in the Kangra Valley. "The White Aryan element in Indian Art is strongest in the north of India," the author explains, "where the Aryans first entered and settled. The Kangra Vallev is here. As one goes south in India, the White Aryan element gets weaker, and the Dark Dravidian stronger." During the early Mohamedan invasions of India, as the author tells, the Kangra became the refuge and centre of militant Hindu culture, but after the Mogul conquerors had displaced the previous Mohamedan rulers, Hindu and Mohamedan culture no longer conflicted and "the stiff archaic art of the Himalayan Rajputs assimilated and absorbed the easy flowing line of the Mogul style."

The quarto volume contains a series of twenty-two plates which show the characteristic Kangra drawings, largely representing scenes from Hindu folk-lore and story. These the author interprets in the preceding text in which he combines a survey of the development of Himalayan art with accounts of his own experiences in the Kangra Valley.

The student of American architecture will find much of value in a new folio volume by Philip B. Wallace, Colonial Churches and Meeting Houses. As in his previous volume, "Colonial Houses of Philadelphia," Mr. Wallace has made excellent selections for his photographs. The churches and meeting houses are chosen from Colonial Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Besides general views, there are pictures of details, such as doors, windows, balustrades, also of interiors and furnishings. Thus Christ Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, built in 1727, is shown on twenty-six plates, including a view of the organ. The earliest structures

represented are the Presbyterian Church of Norristown, Pa., built in 1698, Holy Trinity of the Old Swedes communion in Wilmington, Delaware, of the same year; Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) in Philadelphia and the Lower Merion Friends' Meeting House at Narberth, Pa., both built in 1700. Most of the buildings are of brick or rough stone, distinguished for simplicity and dignity.

Measured drawings of details by William Allen Dunn accompany the photographic plates. The brief introductory text is by Horace Wells Sellers.

— The call-number is \*8105.02–108.

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A curious addition to the Brontë literature has recently been made through the publication of The Spell, an Extravagansa, a hitherto unpublished novel by Charlotte Brontë, which she wrote in 1834, at the age of eighteen. The booklet, bound in tooled morocco, has been in the British Museum since 1802. Its previous owner was Professor Nys of the University of Brussels, who had found it in a second-hand bookshop of that city. George Edwin MacLean, the editor of the volume, considers it very probable that Charlotte Brontë left her juvenile manuscripts with M. Heger, her teacher at the Brussels school which she attended, and that he had them bound after she became a famous novelist.

The manuscript volume contains, besides "The Spell," another tale and a "Scrap Book" comprising eight articles; but the editor declares "The Spell," to be by all means the best of these pieces. "She is passing from the inspiration of the Arabian Nights," he comments, "to that of Byron, of Southey, of Wordsworth, of Scott, of Christopher North and his circle in Blackwood's Magazine. Her ambition to become a novelist has dawned."

The plot of "The Spell" is one of romantic intrigue centering round an imaginary Duke of Zamorna. The Duke of Wellington is also brought into the story.

The Correspondence of Jefferson and Du Pont de Nemours [2643.169] has been published as one of the volumes. of "The Johns Hopkins Studies in International Thought," with an Intro-duction by Gilbert Chinard, which occupies nearly a third of the book. Professor Chinard gives a sketch of Du Pont de Nemour's life, and discusses at length his political theories and the way in which they agreed with or differed from those of Jefferson.

Pierre-Samuel Du Pont was for seventeen years a correspondent of Jefferson's and advised him on matters of practical diplomacy, on the relation of the United States to Canada and the Spanish colonies, and on national education and military training. Born in Paris in 1739, Du Pont at an early age occupied himself with speculations on economics and politics. His first work was "Reflections on the Wealth of the State," published in 1763, followed in 1767 by his "Physiocratie," a theory of government associated with his name. A great admirer of Turgot, whom he assisted in his administration, Du Pont, after the fall of the statesman, became a friend of Mirabeau's and a deputy for the Tiers-Etat. He was opposed to the Jacobins, and for trying to protect Louis XVI he was imprisoned. After his release, he founded the publication "L'Historien" which was suppressed, and he was once more threatened with arrest, but was saved through the intervention of Mme de Staël. It was at this time, in 1800, that Du Pont turned to America where, as he wrote, "the republican government of the United States offers almost the only asylum where persecuted men can find safety:"

A scheme of Du Pont's for a French colony in Western Virginia came to nothing. He himself spent less than two years in America. In 1802 he returned to France for a "brief" visit, but new public activities kept him in France for thirteen years. At the age of seventy-four he again sailed for America, where he died in 1817.

An important effect of Du Pont's stay in America was his suggestion, made to Jefferson, that the United States should purchase the Louisiana territory from France. "There is little doubt," Professor Chinard writes, "that the letter which reached Jefferson on the last day of the year 1802 encouraged the American government to delay any action against Louisiana and stayed the hand of the God of War.'

As for the political theories of Du Pont and the Physiocrats, Professor Chinard brings out that Jefferson agreed with them up to a certain point: he. too, considered agriculture the "wisest pursuit" for the increase of wealth and happiness, but he admitted the growing importance of industrial occupations in the United States, and would not, like the French theorist, restrict the vote to landowners. Professor Chinard believes that Jefferson. who is supposed to have been influenced by French thought, really reached his conclusions independently.

The letters from Du Pont to Tefferson are mostly in French, those from

Jefferson in English.

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## The Last Stages of the Siege of Boston

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ANUARY was the most discouraging month for Washington during the Siege of Boston. With the New Year a large number of the enlisted men returned to their homes, and the recruiting for the New Army made very slow progress. The soldiers were poorly clothed and badly Change armed, and they suffered inordinately from the cold. It was not a small task to keep up, under these circumstances,

the morale of the Army.

Washington's first order in the new year was a grant of general amnesty for "all the offences of the old and common prisoners, except the prisoners of war." He enjoined at the same time a strict observance of the new "Rules and Articles," which were to be read to the men by an officer in every Company at least once a month. His orders of this period bristle with admonitions. He requested the commanding officers to be "exceedingly attentive to the training exercises and discipline of their men," and reminded them that "no other practice was more essential as keeping the soldiers always clean and neat." The theme of cleanliness is constantly recurring in his orders. "Whilst we have men who in every respect are superior to mercenary troops that are fighting for two pence or three pence a day," the Commander-

in-Chief asked one time, "why cannot we in appearance also be superior to them, when we fight for life, liberty, property, and our country?" Sometimes the rhetorical form of persuasion gave way to plain, ordinary warning, to a notice that the sergeants and corporals whose men should be found "unsoldier-like" would be reduced to the ranks. It was the duty of the quartermasters to see that the barracks were "clean and sweet" and "the victuals prepared." Always anxious for the health of the Army, Washington lost no opportunity for emphasizing that "too much care cannot be used in such a matter."

These counsels, it seems, had their good effects, for the courts-martial were surprisingly inactive for several weeks. There were few offenders among the soldiers; instead, one reads of "suspected spies and stragglers and strollers, who cannot give a proper account of themselves." These doubtful individuals were finally rounded up and, on January 19, taken to the old School House on Cambridge Common, where they were placed under the care of the Provost. Information is lacking in regard to what happened to them afterwards.

One of the major events of this otherwise calm month was the dispatch of General Lee to New York. 'Soon after New Year it had been observed in the Continental camp that General Clinton left Boston with a small fleet, sailing toward the South. Washington, knowing that many of the inhabitants of Long Island were Tories, was anxious to prevent the occupation of New York by the British; therefore, he ordered General Lee to hasten there, "with such Volunteers as are willing to join and can be expeditiously raised to put the city and fortifications on the North River in the best posture of defense." Attended by a small escort, General Lee left Cambridge on January 11. In Connecticut Governor Trumbull, to whom Washington had written a warm letter of recommendation, offered him the fullest support. Within two weeks, the Colony raised two regiments, besides three hundred volunteers from Hartford.

At Cambridge, however, the situation was getting worse and worse. The strength of the Army dropped to little more than half of its original number, and there were no money, arms, and ammunition. "I have often thought how much happier I should have been," Washington complained to a friend, "if, instead of accepting of a command under such circumstances, I had taken my musket on my shoulder and entered the ranks, or, if I could have justified the measure to posterity and my own conscience, had retired to the back country and lived in a wigwam." The success in Canada was the bright hope of the Commander-in-Chief in his despair - completely ignorant of what had happened on New Year's Eve under the walls of Quebec. "I am informed that there are large quantities of arms, blankets, clothing, and other military stores in that city," he wrote to Arnold on January 12, and continuing: "These are articles, which we are in great want of here; I have, therefore, written to General Montgomery, or whoever is commanding officer in that quarter, to send me as many as can be spared from thence." General Montgomery had then been dead for twelve days, Arnold was badly wounded, and half of the expeditionary army destroyed. Four days later, writing to General Schuyler, Washington was still hopeful of "the smiles of fortune"; yet, uneasy because of the lack of news, he reflected: "I confess I am much concerned for General Montgomery and Colonel Arnold; and the consequences which will result from their miscarriage, should it happen, will be very alarming . . ." It was on the 18th that he received the first report of Arnold's defeat.

He called at once a council of war, in which it was decided to ask the governments of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut each to raise a regiment for the campaign in Canada. All three Colonies instantly voted compliance with the request, and Washington hoped that with this reinforcement Quebec could still be carried. Congress not only approved of his plan, but ordered two other regiments, from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, to march for Canada. The greatest importance was attributed to the conquest of the province by both Commander-in-Chief and Congress. "To whomsoever it belongs, in their favor, probably, will the balance turn," Washington wrote to Arnold. "If it is in ours, success I think will most certainly crown our virtuous struggles. If it is in theirs, the contest at best will be doubtful, hazardous and bloody . . ." The choice of the general was a difficult problem. Putnam and Lee were mentioned, but Washington frankly favored the appointment of Schuyler, who was finally entrusted with the command.

Most of these events are recorded, or at least indicated, in the Orderly Book of Captain Badlam's Company of Artillery — one of the Revolutionary Orderly Books in the Boston Public Library. Of course, the orders of the Commander-in-Chief exist in many similar manuscripts, and those of this period have all been printed in the American Archives, published by Peter Force in the eighteen-forties. There is, besides, the correspondence of Washington, perhaps the richest source of information about the Revolutionary War. The Orderly Book of Captain Badlam's Company, compared with other available material, is a modest document. Surely, one cannot expect to find any startlingly new information in it.

Yet the volume has a few touches of its own, not to be found elsewhere. Here and there, one may gain from it some intimate glimpses of the camp life of that small group of soldiers who constituted the Company. On January 11, for example, Captain Badlam expressed his great regret that at the morning and evening roll call a number of his men were absent without leave. "For the future any non-commissioned officer or soldier so offending shall do one tour of extraordinary duty on guard," he announced. But what distressed him most was the card-playing. "He also observes," the Captain wrote, "that the idle, sordid custom of playing cards is prevailing among the members of the Company and also wishes to see it totally neglected." This custom, according to Captain Badlam, leads to "a variety of vile and daugerous practices, and can serve no other end than to pass away time which might be infinitely better spent in learning to write and cypher." He offered his personal assistance to those who, instead of playing cards, wanted to learn something to their own advantage.

Stephen Badlam was obviously a good and pious man. He was twenty-seven years old at the time of the Siege of Boston. A native of Milton, Mass., he joined the Army at the outbreak of the Revolution as a second lieutenant of artillery and by the end of the year was promoted to the rank of captain.

On January 26, 1776, he was ordered to New York, without fail to be there in six days, and take command of the artillery of the troops of General Charles Lee. Thus, from that date on until the middle of April the young Captain was away from the main Army and his own Company.

The Orderly Book itself apparently remained with the Company, and the orders given at Cambridge were duly copied into it. In all, these general orders, issued between January I and March 24, occupy eighty-six pages. The book, however, in its second part, contains also the orders issued at New York, first by General Lee, and, after the evacuation of Boston, by Generals Thompson, Heath, Putnam, and finally, after April 14, by Washington himself. This second portion occupies fifty-nine pages. With April 20 the entries stop. On that day Captain Badlam received orders to go to Canada as commander of the Artillery there. Both parts of the volume seem to be original documents. They are, naturally, written in different hands and on different paper, and were bound together at a much later date. Only the first part — the one relating to the Siege of Boston — will be treated in the present article.

This is perhaps the proper place for a brief account of Stephen Badlam's later career. Learning of the Declaration of Independence, after the retreat from Canada, he took possession of the heights opposite Ticonderoga and named the place Mt. Independence. In August, 1777, he fought at Fort Stanwyx, but shortly afterwards resigned his commission because of ill health and had no other active part in the War. He lived in Dorchester, where he devoted much of his time to town and church affairs. In 1799 he was appointed Brigadier-General of the Militia of Massachusetts, and in 1808 was elected senior deacon of the second church of Dorchester. He often said, as the Rev. John Codman noted, that "he considered the title of deacon a much greater honor than any other title by which he was distinguished." A man of strong religious feelings, he especially lamented the progress of Unitarianism. "The subject, upon which he delighted to converse with myself and others," his biographer remembered, "was the doctrine of the atonement by the death and sufferings of Jesus Christ." General Badlam - the Captain Badlam of the Siege of Boston - died in August, 1815.

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At the end of January something happened that was destined to decide the outcome of the Siege and bring the deadlock to an end. It was the longawaited arrival of Colonel Knox, Commander of the Artillery Regiment, with fifty cannon from Ticonderoga.

This fort had been captured by a handful of Americans, the men of Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold, back in May, a few weeks after the Battle of Lexington. Nearly two hundred cannon and many military stores had been secured by the Rebels; and a few days later, at the taking of Crown Point and Fort George, a hundred more pieces had been seized. Why these spoils, or at least a large portion of them, so valuable for the Continental Army, were left so long at Lake Champlain is difficult to understand. Washington's instructions to Knox, given on November 8, certainly show the urgent need of the Army. "After you have procured as many of these necessaries [cannon,

mortars, shells, etc.] as you can in New York," he wrote, "you must go to Major-General Schuyler, and get the remainder from Ticonderoga, Crown Point, or St. John's; if it should be necessary from Quebec, if in our hands. The want of them is so great that no trouble or expense must be spared to obtain them." Henry Knox - formerly a bookseller on Cornhill, near the town-house in Boston — fully understood what was expected of him. Leaving Cambridge on November 15, he reached Ticonderoga on December 5. After four days' stay there he began his homeward journey at once. On the 17th he was at Fort George, from where he reported to Washington: "I hope in sixteen or seventeen days to present to Your Excellency a noble train of artillery, the inventory of which I have enclosed." He had with him 8 brass mortars, 6 iron mortars, 2 iron howitzers, 13 brass cannon, 26 iron cannon, 2300 pounds lead and one barrel of flints. But, unfortunately, it was the middle of winter, and the transportation encountered enormous hardships. The roads, such as they were, were covered with snow and Colonel Knox (he received his appointment two days after he left Cambridge) was forced to construct forty-two strong sleds. The train, drawn by eighty yoke of oxen, arrived at Albany on January 5; there it had to stop again, for want of snow. Finally three weeks later the transport, to the great joy of Washington, reached Cambridge.

This does not mean that the Army had now an over-abundance of ammunition. Only a day or two after the arrival of the cannon, Washington reminded the commanding officers of the regiments that at the discharge of the militia "every ounce of ammunition must be received from them." All the Colonels, as an order on February 6 commanded, were to "examine minutely into the quantity and condition of their ammunition and make a report of the average number of rounds they are possessed." It turned out that the men had only twenty-four rounds of powder, while the regulars in Boston were equipped with sixty. Only "one barrel of powder and proportionable quantity of ball and cartridge paper" were allowed for each regiment.

Indeed, the situation looked anything but rosy. The general return on February 4 showed that the Army comprised only 11,806 men, of whom 8,863 were fit for duty — the lowest figure during the whole Siege. "So far from my having an army of twenty thousand men well armed," Washington complained bitterly, "I have been here with less than half of it, including sick, furloughed, and on command, and those neither armed nor clothed, as they should be. In short, my situation has been such, that I have been obliged to use art to conceal it from my own officers . . ." The militia was coming in but slowly and unarmed, and the desertions took alarming proportions. Again the courts-martial were busy every day. On February 12 Washington ordered that in the case of a desertion an exact description of the man, with the name of the town where he came from, should be made public and that a reward of five dollars was to be paid to any person who would apprehend him. Meanwhile he was annoyed by the large number of persons dismissed from service. In an order he sharply rebuked Colonel Whitcomb for discharging seven men in a single week. The old Colonel, who in the fall had been quoted by the Commander-in-Chief for his unselfish patriotism, was ordered to Head-Quarters to account for his conduct. "If any Colonel or commanding officer of a regiment presume in future to discharge a man without proper authority for so doing," Washington sternly declared, "he will be put in arrest and tried for disobedience of orders."

But the cannon and mortars were finally there, and the building of the redoubts went on fast. Washington's letter to Joseph Reed, written on February 10, and describing the conditions of the Army in the darkest colors, contains also this bit of information: "We have had the most laborious piece of work at Lechmere's Point, on account of the frost. We hope to get it finished on Sunday. It is within as commanding a distance of Boston as Dorchester Hill, though of a different part." And to Congress he reported on February 26: "We are making every necessary preparation for taking possession of Dorchester Heights as soon as possible with a view of drawing the enemy out. How far our expectations may be answered, time can only determine: but I should think, if anything will induce them to hazard an engagement, it will be our attempting to fortify these heights; as on that event's taking place, we shall be able to command a great part of the town, and almost the whole harbor, and to make them rather disagreeable than otherwise, provided we can get a sufficient supply of what we greatly want . . ."

Even the evacuation of Boston was already in sight, as may be seen from Washington's letter, written on this same day to General Lee in New York: "From many corroborating accounts I have received, the enemy seem to prepare for their departure from Boston. They have removed the two mortars from Bunker's Hill, and carried them with a great part of their heavy brass cannon on board their ships. They have taken all the topsail vessels in the harbor into the service. They are ready watered, and their sails bent. All this show may be but a feint; but if real, and they should come your way, I wish you may be prepared to receive them."

By the 26th of February the prospects of the American Army had completely changed. With the improvement of the weather, the militia from the neighboring towns began to pour into the camp, and the recruiting, too, suddenly picked up. Washington again recommended an assault upon Boston at a council of war as early as the 16th, but his generals again opposed the plan, on the grounds that there was not force enough for such an attempt and that the Army was deficient in arms and powder. It was, however, resolved that "preparations should be made to take possession of Dorchester Hill, with a view of drawing out the enemy."

The stand-still was coming to an end and the Commander-in-Chief wanted to get his troops ready. He addressed to them the following characteristic order:

"As the season is now fast approaching when every man must expect to be drawn into the field of action, it is highly important that he should prepare his mind, as well as everything necessary for it. It is a noble cause we are engaged in; it is the cause of virtue and mankind; every temporal advantage and comfort to us, and our posterity, depends upon the vigor of our exertions; in short, freedom or slavery must be the result of our conduct; there can, therefore, be no greater inducement to men to behave well. But it may not be amiss for the troops to know, that, if any man in action shall presume to skulk, hide himself, or retreat from the enemy without the orders of his com-

manding officer, he will be instantly shot down as an example of cowardice; cowards having too frequently disconcerted the best formed troops by their dastardly behavior."

There was an appeal in the order for the favor of Divine Providence, and then this information: "That no confusion may ensue when the troops are called to action, the General has ordered all the forts and guards of the lines and redoubts to be so fixed and regulated as every officer and soldier may know his place and duty."

About the placing of the cannon, mortars, and howitzers the general orders were reticent; some of the regimental orders, however, were quite suggestive. On February 22, for example, Colonel Knox issued the command: "Two commissioned officers and twenty-four non-commissioned officers and privates are to mount every day, till countermanded, at Lechemere's Point, the Bridge, and the fortified house to the right of the Point. This duty and the duty on Cobble-Hill are to be done equally." There were six Companies stationed at these places and four at Roxbury.

The Orderly Book of Captain Badlam's Company contains a number of orders for the exclusive benefit of the Artillery. There must have been friction between the officers of artillery and other officers, for, on February II, Colonel Knox had to explain that "the officers of artillery on duty must not presume to dispute the command of any other officer of superior rank, excepting in the case of notorious cowardice in said officer; that in post all guards are under the immediate direction of the officer who commands in that post." Further, the Colonel made it clear: "It is not expected that an officer so commanding will take upon himself the directing or pointing the cannon. This is none of his business. It is the particular business of the artillery, for the purpose of which they were selected, although he has the undoubted right to order when they shall begin and when they shall cease to fire."

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From the end of February on the word "alarm" was included in almost all the orders. The Army was now larger than at any time before. The general return on March 2 showed 18,528 men in camp, with 14,140 fit for duty. In addition, the ten Regiments of the Massachusetts Militia, all ready for service, counted 6,018 men. The time for action had really arrived.

On March 2 Washington ordered:

"Upon any alarm, Colonel Patterson's Regiment is immediately to repair to Lechmere's Point, having one Captain, two Subalterns, two Sergeants and fifty rank and file in the works leading to the Bridge. Colonel Bond's Regiment is immediately to march to Cobble-Hill, and Colonel Sergeant's Regiment to the North, South, and Middle Redoubts . . . General Heath's, Sullivan's, Greene's, and Frye's Brigades are, in rotation, to march a Regiment an hour before day, every morning, into the works upon Lechmere's Point and Cobble-Hill, five Companies of which to go to the former, and three to the latter. They are to remain in the works till sun-rise . . ."

The bombardment of Boston began that night. The balls shattered many houses and one shot wounded six men in a guard-house. The British

returned the fire, without causing much harm. The cannonade continued during the next two days.

The contemplated attack at Dorchester Heights was fore-shadowed in the hurried sending of two Regiments, Colonel Hutchinson's and Colonel French's, to Roxbury for the reinforcement of the Brigade of General Thomas. The work on the redoubts on Dorchester Heights was continued in the meantime with feverish haste, and on the morning of March 5 — the anniversary of the Boston Massacre — the British were surprized to see the fortifications rising above the horizon. "It must have been the employment of at least twelve thousand men," General Howe wrote to Lord Dartmouth.

The encounter on Dorchester Heights was the central part of Washington's strategy. He concentrated all his efforts on this point. Even the cannonade of the previous days — from Cobble-Hill, Lechmere's Point, and Lamb's Dam — was only a cannouflage. As he himself wrote to a friend: "On Monday night I took possession of the Heights of Dorchester with two thousand men under the command of General Thomas. Previous to this, and in order to divert the enemy's attention from the real object, and to harass, we began on Saturday night a cannonade and bombardment, which with intervals was continued through the night — the same on Sunday and on Monday, a continued roar from seven o'clock till daylight was kept up between the enemy and us . . ."

The completion of the redoubts on Dorchester Heights forced the crisis to a turning-point. Admiral Shuldam was of the opinion that the fleet could not safely stay in the harbor, unless the Americans were dislodged from the Heights. There were two alternatives for the British: either to evacuate the town or to drive out the Americans from their redoubts. General Howe resolved to fight. He ordered twenty-four hundred men, under the command of Earl Percy, to embark in transports and make an attempt on the American works.

The Brigade of General Thomas, reinforced by two Regiments, was awaiting the attack. Washington personally inspected the troops, animating them for the coming battle. Meanwhile he placed the troops at Cambridge in readiness. It was his plan to make a concerted attack upon Boston — in case the British put up a real fight at Dorchester Heights, so that their number would be greatly reduced in the town itself. The two Brigades — four thousand men — were ready to embark on the Charles River: Sullivan's Brigade was to land at the powder-house and gain possession of Beacon Hill and Mount Horam, while Greene's Brigade was to land at Barton's Point; the two together were to force the British works at Dorchester Neck and let in the troops from Roxbury.

But the two Armies were not allowed to meet. There was a big storm which made it impossible for the British fleet to sail into the harbor and the troops, unprotected by the ships, could not undertake the attack. The weather continued violent the next day and night, and General Howe finally judged it "most advisable" to prepare for the evacuation of the town. He ordered Earl Percy to return to Boston, and the embarkation of the Army was begun at once.

The danger was passed without actual bloodshed. The next day, March 8, Washington discharged the Militia. His order read: "His Excellency the General returns his thanks to the Militia of the surrounding districts for their spirited behavior and alert march to Roxbury last Saturday and Sunday, and for their noble ardor they discovered in defence of the cause of liberty and their country."

Everything went on smoothly, without calamity. Washington himself suffered the slight inconvenience of losing one of his pistols. It was a screw barrel pistol mounted with silver, with a head resembling a pug dog. The general order for March 9 offered "two dollars reward and no questions asked" to anyone who would deliver it to the Commander-in-Chief or to General Thomas.

On March 8 Colonel Learned at Roxbury received a letter signed by four prominent citizens of Boston, asking Washington to spare the city. General Howe had assured them, they wrote, that "he had no intention of destroying the town, unless the troops under his command are molested during their embarkation, or at their departure, by the armed force without." Colonel Learned the following day informed the delegates that Washington regarded the letter, which bore no address, as unauthenticated, and therefore he would take no notice of it. Indeed, the American General did not abandon his operations. During the night of March 9 he tried to plant a battery on Nook's Hill, at Dorehester Point. The British, however, discovered the work and opened fire on it. Several Americans were killed and the fortification had to be suspended.

Two days later the Commander-in-Chief gave notice to the whole Army to be ready. But the readiness was now not for battle, but for the occupation of Boston.

"That there may not be the least pretext for delay, as the General is determined to march the whole, or any part of this Army, the instant occasion shall require, His Excellency desires that not a moment's time be lost in preparing for the march . . . To prevent any unnecessary preparations, the General informs the officers and soldiers that it is his desire and expectation that they encumber themselves with as little package as possible, as apart from the enormous expense to the Continent, teams cannot be procured for superfluous articles . . ."

He wanted to make his own entry into the liberated town as dignified as his exalted position required. "The General being desirous of selecting a particular number of men as a Guard for himself and baggage," the order sounded, "the Colonels or commanding officers of each of the established Regiments, the Artillery and Riflemen excepted, will furnish him with four, that the number wanted may be chosen out of them. His Excellency depends upon the Colonels for good men, such as they can recommend for their sobriety, honesty, and good behavior." And there were these further qualifications: "He wishes them to be from five feet eight inches high to five feet ten inches, — handsomely and well made; and as there is nothing in his eyes more desirable than cleanliness in a soldier, he desires that particular attention may be paid in the choice of such men as are neat and spruce."

It was a well-known fact that Boston was infected with the small-pox. To prevent the spread of the disease, of which he himself had been a victim

in his youth, Washington severely prohibited that anybody, either officer or soldier, should go into the town without leave. And he was anxious not only for the health of the Army, but also for the welfare of the inhabitants of Boston. The most rigid punishment was promised to those who would be detected in pillaging. "The unhappy inhabitants of that distressed town have already suffered too heavily from the iron hand of oppression," he wrote, hoping that "their countrymen, surely, will not be base enough to add to their misfortunes."

However, the evacuation progressed slowly. General Howe wanted to leave on the 15th, but a contrary wind prevented the embarkation of his troops. Washington, afraid that the British Commander might be deceiving him, sent once more a detachment to Nook's Hill to continue the building of the redoubt. The British opened fire on the party, but the next morning they left the town without further delay. On the same day a thousand men of General Putnam's division marched into Boston, while the troops of General Ward entered the town from Roxbury.

"It is with the greatest pleasure I inform you," Washington reported to the President of Congress, "that on Sunday last, the 17th instant, about nine o'clock in the forenoon, the ministerial army evacuated the town of Boston, and that the forces of the United Colonies are now in actual possession thereof..."

The inhabitants of Boston, as the Reverend Peter Thatcher recorded, "manifested a lively joy at being liberated from their long confinement," watching from their doors and windows the marching soldiers. However, "they were not altogether free from a melancholy gloom which ten months' siege has spread over their countenances."

Three days later Washington issued a proclamation "for the preservation of peace, good order, and discipline." It called upon the inhabitants to make known to the quartermaster-general "all stores belonging to the ministerial army that may be secreted in the town." And it enjoined the officers of the Continental Army "to assist the civil magistrates in the execution of their duty."

As the British fleet was still lingering at Nantasket, Washington was afraid that they might attack the town again. But after the departure of the British ships, March 27, he felt free to send the Army southward, with the exception of five regiments which, under General Ward, remained for the protection of Boston. One brigade after another marched away until, on April 4, the Commander-in-Chief himself left Cambridge for New York.

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# Ten Books

Professor Irving Babbitt, leader of the American humanistic movement. has collected his essays of recent years into a volume entitled On Being Creative [2259.381]. The main charge against humanism has been that it is unfavorable to creative ability. Professor Babbitt, therefore, examines the word "creative" and finds that it is used too loosely. "Most persons nowadays aspire to be not critical but creative," he writes. "We have not merely creative poets and novelists, but creative readers and listeners and dancers. Lately a form of creativeness has appeared that may in time swallow up all the others creative salesmanship." Instead of the cult of originality, he insists on the need for standards, which implies a revival of the principle of imitation — "the creative imitation" expounded by Aristotle. The term — after the author has satirized, and justly, the innumerable specious uses of the word "creative" - is not without its humor. But Professor Babbitt makes his meaning clear in a language of unusual pungency and with an array of felicitous quotations. His main quarrel is with the exaltation of the subconscious as the supreme expression of creative genius, which finally leads to a cult of the subrational. The source of the evil is, according to him, the primitivism or emotional romanticism of Rousseau. To the argument that humanism is likely to prove ineffective save in subordination to Christian orthodoxy, since this orthodoxy alone can supply modern life with a central purpose, Professor Babbitt's answer appears hesitant. He raises, however, the question, "whether it is necessary, in order to restore the teleological element to life, to start with dogmatic assertions about God and the soul rather than with psychological observations." Further, he points to the example of Buddha, who "makes no place for God in his discipline and denies the soul in the sense that has usually been given to that term in both East and West." Most of the essays in the volume deal with these central themes; their subjects are the primitivism of Wordsworth; the meaning of imagination for Dr. Johnson and Coleridge; the aesthetic theories of Schiller; Julien Benda's attack on Bergsonism; the critics of American life; and finally the romanticists' view of the Orient.

The first volume of The Journal of Arnold Bennett [2544.254] has been recently published. It contains the chief substance of the author's diaries from 1896 to 1910, revealing the details of the early and formative years of his career. The second volume — the publisher informs us — will contain the material from 1910 to 1920, and the third volume will carry it through the post-war years. The diaries, as written by Bennett, consist of over a million words; for the purposes of publication they had to be, therefore, drastically curtailed. We are assured, however, that "nothing has been withheld which would distort the true picture of the author's character; nothing changed except obvious mechanical errors; nothing added except footnotes." Much interest has preceded the publication of this Journal and the first volume seems to justify the expectations. Its innumerable comments about people, books, places are shrewd and incisive, though — perhaps intentionally — less "clever" than the usual Bennett essays and articles. The people about whom the novelist recorded his impressions, or the stories that he had heard, were mostly writers, painters, actors and actresses.

He wrote a good deal about himself, too, but his observations concerned chiefly his literary self and the stories and novels upon which he was work-Almost every page ing at the time. has some excellent bits of criticism of the works of contemporaries as well as of nineteenth-century English, French, and Russian writers. "A list of the masterpieces I have not read would fill a volume," young Bennett complained in one of the first notes. He was more sincere in this than most of us. There are no revelations in the volume, yet the Journal is meaty and, in its kaleidoscopic variety, highly entertaining.

Maxim Gorky and his Russia by Professor Alexander Kaun is a biography of the great Russian writer, told against the background of life in Russia, with its change from czarism to Soviet Rus-Alexey Peshkov, alias Maxim Gorky ("the bitter") was born of very poor parents sixty-four years ago, in Nizhni Novgorod. In his childhood he received lasting impressions of the brutality customary among the lower classes, and later as a casual worker at all kinds of trades (as a baker, as choreman on a Volga steamboat, as fisherman, night-watcher, and tramp) he learned to know all sorts and conditions of men, who from 1892 on became the material for his stories and plays. His first published story "Makar Chudra" was quickly recognized as a masterpiece, and since then he has lived the life of a writer. "Foma Gordeyev," his first novel, and "The Lower Depths," his play produced by the Moscow Art Theatre, raised him into the front rank of Russian literature. In 1905 he was arrested for revolutionary activities, and the following year he fled abroad. In 1909 he founded a school for Russian workmen at Capri, where — on account of his tuberculosis - he has been residing ever since. About that time began his friendship with Lenin, with whom, however, he had many serious differences. In his account of Gorky's childhood and youth, which occupy nearly half of the volume, the biographer follows rather closely Gorky's own reminiscences. Among the later chapters the story of Gorky's relationship with Lenin and the record of his unwearying efforts to save cultural values in Soviet Russia are the most interesting. Professor Kaun has, besides, considerable personal information to tell, since he had the opportunity of spending a winter with Gorky at Capri. But there is little in the book about the works of the great Russian writer, and as a pure biography the narrative is, to be frank, too lengthy and verbose.

Heinrich Heine [2878.223] by H. Walter of McGill University is a sound and intelligent, though somewhat dry, critical study. Impartial in his judgment of Heine's contradictory nature, the biographer explains the poet's reactions to his environment in Hamburg, Berlin, and Paris. In his journalistic and polemic writings Heine antagonised the conservative forces of Church and State, while at the same time he offended Judaism by his criti-German patriots resented his preference for France, and the radicals attacked him for his lack of courage and conviction. Of course, the poet did not hesitate to change his allegiances. The only unity in his life, according to the biographer, is to be found in his moods, and "no mood was beyond his reach." But Mr. Walter's portrayal of the man is happily free from censoriousness. He recognizes that Heine was extremely egotistic and hyper-sensitive and did not possess enough self-control to be moral; yet he also points out that these traits were the sources of his creative power. Mr. Walter's critical estimate of Heine's work is less direct; but, obviously, he regards him as a great poet.

In his latest book The Joy of Ignorance [3918.138] T. Swann Harding exposes the fallacy of a number of popular beliefs concerning the virtues or harmful qualities of various drugs, drinks and food-stuffs. Coffee, smoking, alcohol are not as bad as most people believe them to be; and salads and spinach are not as useful. In-

candescent lamps do not cure all sorts of diseases, and "dentifrices" do not have any therapeutic action. The consumer, however, wants to be hoodwinked. A typical instance is that of Listerine, which people insist on buying, though they know that its germicidal powers have been proved to be practically nil. Mr. Harding has brought to his book, besides many years' experience as a laboratory scientist, a wide knowledge of scientific and popular medical literature and a shrewd observation of his fellows. He writes in a witty, poignant style and with manifest hatred of frauds. One may remember that the title of one of his books is "Fads, Frauds and Physicians."

Across the Gobi Desert [3013.221] by Sven Hedin, the famous Swedish explorer, is a lively record of the first stage of a great expedition into central Asia. Valuable achievements have been made by the Swedish and Chinese scientists of the expedition; they have discovered ice-age traces in the Kurktagh mountains, fossil dinosaurs, thousands of ethnological specimens, and ancient Chinese manuscripts. But the story itself is not burdened with scientific accounts; it tells of the adventures of the great caravan, marching by a hitherto unknown route through the Gobi desert from Paoto to Umruchi. The explorers braved sand-storms, and danger from bandits; they saw their camels dying from exhaustion; they camped in the desert in the fierce cold; and when their leader fell seriously ill, they took turns in carrying him. But there was no lack of humorous incidents, festivals, and amusing visits to native princes. The success of the expedition was largely due to the cooperation and friendly spirit that existed among the European and Chinese members of the party. The scientific results - the geological, archaeological, astronomical, meteorological, etc. observations — will be published by the scientists themselves.

Riddles of Science [3916.99] by Sir J. Arthur Thomson consists of over

fifty short essays, each of which deals with some perennial question, an everyday phenomenon, or some simple puzzle. How did life begin? What is protoplasm? Why do we fall asleep? What are hormones? Why do we laugh? What is sex? Do animals think? Why do we dream? . . . These are a few of the problems treated in the volume. questions, simple as they are, are extremely alluring. As soon as they are raised, one has to acknowledge to oneself with surprise — and some furtive shame as well — one's incapacity to answer them. However, the attraction of the book is due not only to the questions, but also to the author's manner of answering them. Sir Arthur writes with great simplicity, but without the superfluous trappings of conscious vulgarization. The facts are succinctly stated, and the approach is purely scientific, with abundant references to sources.

An immense amount of data from investigations made within the past two decades has been collected and presented by Gardner Murphy and Lois Barclay Murphy in a large volume entitled Experimental Social Psychology [5608.206]. The social psychologist aims to ascertain by means of accurate tests the extent of the influence of environment on the individual and on groups. Modern social psychology is a new science; it was founded by Tarde and Le Bon and their followers at the end of the last century. Since then, however, the investigation of social traits have been carried on along innumerable lines. Sociology has furnished such problems as public opinion, propaganda, the psychology of political campaigns and elections; and there has been a vast amount of research upon the social development of children. At present, the authors maintain, there is need for a synthesis of the observational data on the one hand, and for a philosophical interpretation of fundamental trends, on the other. The bulk of the experiments described in the volume deal with the reactions of children and adolescents, probing into such problems

as the relation of intelligence in school children to the social status of the parents, the effect of suggestion on learning ability, children's friendships, early school influences, and countless other questions of social behavior. Later chapters deal with group thinking, the influence of discussion upon opinion, and the possibilities of measuring personality.

The Lure of the Fine Arts by Frederick Colin Tilney is an earnest, but utterly unsystematic exposition of aesthetic principles, addressed to the average educated layman. The emphasis is on the intrinsic appeal of the work of art rather than on historical development. In a preliminary discussion the author argues that "beauty is subjective and relative — not objective and absolute,' he also maintains that the sense of beauty is intellectual as well as sensu-After explaining the relationship of form and content, and the significance of color, tone and design, he presents the different ways of artistic approach, such as idealism, naturalism and realism. Under the heading of "subjectmatter" he treats of religious art, historical painting, still life, landscape, portraiture, etc., then he turns to the "media of expression" in the fine arts, and finally to the many historical "schools" of sculpture and painting. There are numerous illustrations, taken mainly from the works of the old masters. The call-number is 4086.01–105.

A History of Sienese Painting by George Harold Edgell, Professor of Fine Arts at Harvard, is the first general survey of the subject from its Byzantine beginnings to the end of the sixteenth century. Limited to a single volume, the narrative of course cannot avoid omissions. The purpose of the work, however, was not completeness, but a presentation of the fundamental development of the Sienese School.

"The problems of connoisseurship cannot be ignored," the author writes, "but in the past they have been overemphasized. This book is more concerned with the artistic personalities of the painters, the ideals of composition, line presentation and the like which, though less amusing to the connoisseur, are vastly more important than any matter of attribution, in the comprehension of a school as a whole." The story is grouped around the most outstanding figures of Sienese painting, such as Guido, Duccio, Simone Martini, Lippo Memmi, and the Lorenzetti, followed by chapters on the minor painters of the fourteenth century, on the early and later periods of the Renaissance, and finally on the disintegration of the Sienese School. Professor Edgell has spent many years of research on his subject and he writes with that ease which comes only from a complete mastery of his material. Never too startling, he is able to sustain the interest even through the mazes of remote discussions of controversial points. His characterizations of the individual painters and their works are apt and incisive, as the reader may verify for himself on the illustrations which accompany the text. These illustrations, no less than 441 in number, greatly enhance the value of the book. The technique of their reproduction is unpretentious, but they serve the purpose. For the gathering together of this vast amount of photographic material the author acknowledges his debt to Miss E. Louise Lucas, the librarian of the Fogg Museum at Harvard. The works of Sienese artists - it should be specially noted here - are well represented in American collections. In Boston and Cambridge alone there are a number of important panels by Guido da Siena, Simone Martini, Ambrogio Lorenzetti, Daddi, Andrea Vanni, Barna, and others. — The call-number of this volume is 4102.07-104.

# Library Notes

At an informal ceremony held on July 7 in the Abbey Room of the Boston Public Library - in the presence of Mr. George Bailey Beak, Consul-General of Great Britain, and of several hundred members of the Library staff - Mayor Curley received from Mr. Walter R. Whiting a copy of The History and Antiquities of Boston, written and compiled by Pishey Thompson and illustrated with one hundred engravings. The large folio volume, printed in 1856, was presented to Mr. Whiting on July 11, 1931, by William Shuckburgh Swayne, Bishop of Lincoln, in whose diocese Boston, England, is located. As the inscription on the flyleaf records, the book was given "in memory of the gift of a sum of money by the St. Botolph Town Fund Committee of Boston, U.S.A., for the restoration of the Tower of Boston Church (The Stump), Lincolnshire."

The sum of money, which the Bishop of Lincoln mentions, amounted to £11,451, then roughly \$56,000, and was contributed by Boston citizens under the leadership of Mr. Allan Forbes, President of the State Street Trust Company. It was presented — as again Bishop Swayne's inscription testifies — "on behalf of the Committee, in Boston Church on July 8th, 1931 by Mr. Walter Whiting, and was received by the Archbishop of Canterbury."

In accepting the book, Mayor Curley said that he looked upon it as "a token of good will between the people of Boston, England, and the people of Boston, Massachusetts." He recalled the visit of the mayor of the English Boston during the Tercentenary Celebration as well as his own visit to the English city a year ago. On turning over the book to Mr. Ellery Sedgwick,

President of the Board of Trustees of the Library, the Mayor declared that "it represented an association based on mutual respect and affection that

has grown with the years."

Mr. Sedgwick made a brief address. "There are gifts and gifts," he said, "but among these pleasant exchanges books convey a message which no other present can bestow. They alone offer the peculiar significance of friendship, for they are evidence of some valued experience which the giver wishes to share with the receiver. I regard this book, given by Boston to Boston, as the expression of a family affection, and on behalf of the Boston Public Library I accept it with cousinly appreciation."

The ceremonies took place in front of the railing that was once a part of the dock in the Guild Hall of Boston, England, before which some of the Pilgrim Fathers stood trial in 1607. They were arranged by Mr. Milton E. Lord, Director of the Boston Public Library, into whose hands the volume

passed for permanent custody.

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The Mayor of Boston, England, in 1608 — the year when the Pilgrim Fathers left for Holland — was John Whiting, an ancestor of Mr. Walter R. Whiting. "The family of Whiting," the author of *The History and Antiquities of Boston* writes, "was very early connected with Boston and the neighborhood. William Whytynge, of Boston, is mentioned in the Subsidy Roll of Edward III (1333) . . ."

The first son of John Whiting, also named John, became in turn Mayor of Boston in 1626, holding the office also in 1633, 1644 and 1645. The second son, Samuel, studied at Emanuel College,

Cambridge, and received orders in about 1620. After a chaplaincy of several years in a family, he settled at King's Lynn. He remained three years at Lynn, but complaints being made to the Bishop of Norwich of his non-comformity, he removed to the Rectory of Shirbeck, near Boston. However, the complaints about his non-comformity continued also in the new place, and, to avoid vexations, the Reverend Samuel Whiting finally emigrated to America Soon after his arrival he in 1636. moved to Lynn, Massachusetts, where he officiated as minister until his death in 1679, when he was eighty-two years

The male line of the Whitings, according to *The History and Antiquities* of Boston, became extinct in Lincolnshire in 1781.

The tenth annual selection of the Fifty Books of the Year — chosen by the jury of the American Institute of Graphic Arts out of 650 books printed during 1931 and submitted by 140 publishers — was on view in the Exhibition Room of the Library from May 30 to June 12. At the same time the Fifty Best Books published in England during 1930 were shown, affording an excellent opportunity for comparing the standards of recent American and English book-making.

The American books, as in earlier years, reveal a restless search for originality, resulting in a great variety of forms. The books of the Merrymount Press, Boston, constitute a happy exception, by their quiet yet vital dignity and maturity. But the impression of restlessness which the exhibition as a whole creates is not necessarily a fault; out of it will come finally a more distinctive American style. Meanwhile, apart from some obvious peccadillos, there is hardly a book in the exhibit that would offend one's taste. Even the books of Mr. Lester Douglas seem less eccentric this year.

The Catalogue of the Lithographs of Joseph Pennell, printed by William Edwin Rudge, and the Inferno from the Divine Comedy, printed by the

Georgian Press, are the two most expensive works in the exhibit, each priced at \$60. Two of Mr. Updike's books are privately printed without sale price; two sell for \$50 each, one for \$30 and one for \$27.50. But there are a large number of books which are priced from \$2.50 to \$7.50. It was the intention of the jury to honor "the common work done well."

In the list of the book designers we find the usual names. Again, Mr. Updike heads the list, with six items. It is a remarkable fact, in which the people of Boston may take just pride, that in the ten annual exhibitions of the Fifty Books of the Year the Merrymount Press has been represented by no less than 54 works — a larger number than have been designed by any other printer. This year William A. Kittredge, for the Lakeside Press, Elmer Adler for the Pynson Printers, and Edwin Grabhorn for the Grabhorn Press designed four books each. It is regrettable that from such good artists as W. A. Dwiggins and Frederic Warde only one book is shown. Conspicuous is the absence of the work of Rudolph Ruzicka, Rockwell Kent, and Carl P. Rollins, as well as of books produced by the University Presses of Harvard and Yale.

The English Books of 1930 have a certain beauty, inherent in the common style which, in spite of individual differences, dominates them. There are few novelties, but the standard is invariably high. A characteristic example is a two-volume edition of Gulliver's Travels, perhaps the most ambitious work in the exhibit. The type is Baskerville, and the illustrations by Rex Whistler are in close imitation of the eighteenth-century masters. There are many other examples of "period" The Nonesuch books, such printing. as an illustrated edition of Don Quixote, are striking by their well-ordered simplicity. There are three books which are priced at or above, £15. among them the works of Homer, printed by the Shakespeare Head Press. Osterley Park Ballads, a large folio volume handsomely printed on special paper by R. Clay & Sons, is surprisingly

cheap; it is priced at a little over one and a half pounds. The least expensive book in the exhibit is Aldous Huxley's Vulgarity in Literature, printed by T. & A. Constable, and selling for two shillings.

It is interesting to note that the two great University Presses - those of Oxford and Cambridge — are each represented by seven items. Next follows the Shakespeare Head Press with four. The names of the book designers are

not given in the catalogue.

Together with the book exhibits was held, under the auspices of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the eighth annual exhibit of Printing for Commerce. On 47 boards hundreds of specimens - folders, booklets, letter-heads, cards, etc. - were shown.



In observance of Jewish Book Week a program on "The Jew in Literature" was given in the Lecture Hall of the Central Library on May 23. The evening opened with piano solos played by Miss Selma Pelonsky. The first speaker was Mr. Milton E. Lord, Director of the Boston Public Library; his subject was "The Public Library and National Literatures." Judge Jacob J. Kaplan spoke on "The Companionship of the Jew and the Book"; Miss Fanny Goldstein on "Jewish Keynotes in Current Literature"; and finally Rabbi Harry Levi on "Jewish Books." Dr. Alfred Ehrenfried, Chairman of the Boston Committee of Jewish Book Week, presided. There was a large attendance.

On the evening of May 26 another successful program was given in the Lecture Hall of the Mattapan Branch. Dr. A. A. Roback lectured on "The Spirit of Yiddish Literature," with readings from the original. The Cremona String Quartet played. Mr. Aaron S. Moldaw was chairman of the evening.

For the occasion of the Jewish Book Week the Library has published a list of books of Jewish interest under the title Recent Judaica, compiled by Miss Fanny Goldstein.

The first four volumes of the Bicentennial Edition of The Writings of George Washington [W.I.F.5] have recently been received by the Library. The publication, as is generally known, has been authorized by Congress; and it is printed by the United States Government Printing Office, in Washington, under the editorial care of John C. Fitzpatrick. Obviously, it is impossible to know as yet, of how many volumes the collection will consist. These first four volumes contain all the material up to April 30, 1776.

In an Introductory Note of twentyeight pages Colonel Fitzpatrick describes the nature of the Washington manuscripts, giving at the same time a brief account of their history. For the past century less than fifty per cent of the Washington manuscripts have been available in printed form. The collections published by Jared Sparks in 1834-37 and by Worthington C. Ford in 1889-93 include only from three to four thousand pieces, whereas the total number of letters and documents written or signed by Washington is estimated at from eight to ten thousand. present Bicentennial Edition will contain all the essential writings of Washington, including the letters printed by Sparks and Ford.

"Few established facts of history will be greatly disturbed by this comprehensive publication," Colonel Fitzpatrick writes, "but the new information as to Washington's personality, found in these hitherto unpublished letters, and bringing those formerly published into exact textual accord with the originals, discloses how far afield biographers of Washington have wandered. Even in so small a point as spelling, this publication will furnish instructive study to those who wish to follow Washington's progressive improvement, not only in etymology but in syntax as well. Criticism of Washington's spelling, like other criticism of the man, is due to lack of knowledge of the facts. The worst spelling will be found in the Colonial letters, but even a superficial examination of the letters of his contemporaries will show

that Washington, while no better a speller, was often no worse than his Governors of Virginia, such friends. as Dinwiddie and Fauguier, British generals like Forbes and Sir John St. Clair, the Speaker of the Virginia House of Burgesses, Jefferson, and Madison were no whit more perfect, according to twentieth-century standards. Washington 'spelled like a gentleman' - and the gentlemen of those early days were not good spellers."

Washington bequeathed all his papers and — upon the decease of his wife his books as well to his nephew Bushrod Washington, From Bushrod Washington the manuscripts were inherited by George Corbin Washington, and from him they were acquired by the United States Government in 1834 and 1849. The first lot, which consisted of the larger part of the manuscripts and many printed books, was obtained for \$25,000; and the remaining lot for \$20,000. The price was, surely, very moderate; as Colonel Fitzpatrick remarks, "any single one of a dozen selected documents would sell for more than \$45,000, could it be legally offered for sale at the present time."

The Washington Papers in the Library of Congress comprise probably ninety-eight percent of all the material that has survived. They fill over four hundred volumes of manuscripts; the most numerous are the letter-press copies and the drafts of letters from and the original letters to Washington.

"There are interesting and amusing side lights noticeable," Colonel Fitzpatrick continues, "and it is possible to visualize, to some extent, the atmosphere of Headquarters by an examination of the drafts of Washington's letters, quite apart from the subject matter of the drafts themselves. There were, usually, from four to six aides at a time at Headquarters during the war, but as many as twelve have been present; at other times there have been so few that major and brigadier-generals, transient visitors, and even Mrs. Washington did copying work under pressure of circumstances."

The Editor regards it as certain that Washington, no matter who may have drafted the letter signed by him, dominated his correspondence. It is enough to read a few dozen of his letters, he maintains, to feel their uniform swing and mannerisms. About Washington's plain, easy-flowing penmanship Colonel Fitzpatrick makes this remark:

"The attempt to explain the even pen stroke of Washington's writing by attributing it to the use of a gold pen and pointing to the actual pen for proof belongs with many other exalted traditions that have no basis in fact. The history of pen manufacturing forbids its acceptance. Like others of his time. Washington cut his own quill pens, and the even writing stroke is caused by his never-varying pen-cutting method.

After their purchase by the United States Government, the Washington Papers were in the custody of the Department of State, and a part of them in that of the Department of War. 1903, through the efforts of Mr. Worthington C. Ford, then Chief of the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress, they were transferred to the Library of Congress, where they are at present.

Gutenberg and the Book of Books is a folio volume by Henry Lewis Johnson, beautifully printed and bound by

William Edwin Rudge.

"The insistent and ever-growing desire for information about the invention of printing and about the Gutenberg Bible has led to the publication of this monograph," Mr. Johnson writes. As a teacher of the history and technique of printing he has found that "the display of specimen pages from the Gutenberg Bible has always been an instructive step toward the students' understanding of the origin of type design." The volume contains two such pages — one from the Psalter and the other from the Book of Kings. These facsimile reproductions, in the size of the original and with the initials in red and blue, are very beautiful. Further, the facsimile of the page from

the l'salter is supplied in a second copy

for the purpose of exhibition.

In a chapter "Gutenberg and his Invention" Mr. Johnson records the known facts of Gutenberg's life, with his early experiments in Strasbourg and his association with Fust in Mainz. He also mentions the experiments which were carried on at Haarlem by Lourens Coster with separate types for the separate letters. "Gutenberg's achievement, however, was much more than that," Mr. Johnson writes, ". . . Gutenberg established the process of type-making very much as it was practised until the invention of the type-casting machine." Finally, he reviews the testimonies in favor of Gutenberg's claim to the invention of printing.

In the next chapter "The Gutenberg Bible" Mr. Johnson describes the peculiar features of the great book. The work consists of 1282 pages, two columns to the page, and forty-two lines to a column. The text was printed without headings or page numbers. The book was laid out in sixty-six sections, for the most part ten leaves each. composition is irregular, and the lines are not always of uniform length.

To illustrate the similarity between Gutenberg's type page and the mannscript pages of the middle fiftcenth century, Mr. Johnson included in the volume the facsimile of a page from a Flemish manuscript, a copy of "The City of God," written in a Dutch monastery in 1466 and now in the Boston

Public Library.

A listing of the extant copies of the Gutenberg Bible shows that there are 11 copies in the United States, 12 in Germany, 9 in Great Britain, 4 in France, 2 in Italy, 2 in Spain, and one copy each in Austria, Denmark, Poland, Portugal and Switzerland. Of all cities New York has the largest number: six. Mr. Johnson gives also a list of the existing fragments and single leaves. — The call-number is Q.450.32.

The Lady of Godey's [2396.466] by Ruth E. Finley is a delightful biography of Sarah Josepha Hale, who for fortyone years was the editor of that pioneer of women's magazines — Godey's Lady's The name of Godey's suggests to the reader of today quaint fashionplates with hoop-skirts and elaborate bonnets. But in the present biography one learns what an important influence this periodical had in the direction of modern progress, and all through the remarkable intellect and skill of its "lady editor."

Sarah J. Hale (1788-1879) began her editorial career in Boston in 1828 as editor of the Ladies' Magazine, the first American woman's magazine, soon to be merged with Louis A. Godey's Philadelphia publication, and she wrote her last editorial for Godey's Lady's Book in her ninetieth year. Mrs. Hale worked for better elementary education for girls, for the higher education of women, and for the admission of women teachers to the public schools. A friend of Matthew Vassar, she helped to found the college at Poughkeepsie. Though not associated with the suffrage movement, she furthered improvement of women's wages, founded the first day nursery, advocated health measures and physical training, and organized the Seaman's Aid. Unlike her more radical contemporaries, like Emma Willard, Lucy Stone and Elizabeth Blackwell, the Lady of Godev's used diplomacy, winning her readers through the conventional style and sentiments of her times. She realized, as the biographer brings out convincingly, that Victorianism was a natural reaction against the brutalities of the eighteenth century.

Mrs. Hale was also a prolific writer and author of the famous nursery rhyme "Mary had a little Lamb." Mention should be made of the many charming illustrations in the volume from the original Godev's Ladv's Books.

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# XVth-Century Books in the Library



HIS is the tenth instalment of the descriptive list of fifteenth-century books in the Boston Public Library, the first instalment of which appeared nearly three years ago. Three articles have been devoted to the incunabula printed in Germany, and six to those printed in Italy. In the present article the Swiss and French fifteenth-century books in the Library are described. Probably three more

instalments will be required to deal with the incunabula published in the Netherlands, Spain and England.

The publication of these articles has been intermittent and naturally so, for in the course of these years many other subjects — in English literature, Americana, history, the fine arts, printing - have claimed the interest in these pages. When the list was started, there were even doubts whether a subject so far removed from the present day could be treated at any length in a bulletin designed chiefly for the use of the general public. The welcome reception of the articles, however, has sufficiently proved that the public has a desire to know about these rare books. A mere checklist, of course, is not enough; with collations of sheets and measurements of types, no matter how painstakingly done, one cannot arouse curiosity. But every book has a history: it is a part of the life around it, of the past from which it grew and of the future which it

influenced. And life is always interesting, even when encased in obscure Latin. Whatever lived once, lives always; and to call attention to that living thing is a grateful task.

These articles have been written for the public, but also with the specialist in mind. And bibliographers and collectors have been appreciative of this work far beyond the expectation of the writer. They have probably recognized the difficulty of his aim so to combine popular interest and scholarship as to make these articles readable for both layman and expert.

The books described in the present issue have been placed on view in one of the show-cases of the Treasure Room.

### BASEL

# JOHANN AMERBACH

PHILELPHUS, Franciscus. Epistolae.

Undated.

Hain \*12,928; B.M.C., part III, p. 758.

Printed with roman type, in quarto form, 37 lines to a page. It has 273 mm. Spaces are left for initials. There leaves; the size of a leaf is  $206 \times 143$  are numerous manuscript notes.

John Addington Symonds in his *Renaissance in Italy* gives an excellent sketch of the life and work of Filelfo. His estimate of the man, whom he regards as "the typical humanist of his age," may be quoted here:

"Taken at their lowest valuation, the claims of Filelfo, well founded in fact, mark him out as the most universal scholar of his age. A genius he was not: for while his perceptions were coarse, his intellect was receptive rather than originative. Of deep thought, true taste, penetrative criticism, or delicate fancy he knew nothing. The unimaginable bloom of style is nowhere to be found upon his work. Yet a man of his stamp was needed at that epoch to act as a focus for the streams of light which flooded Italy from divers sources, to collect them in himself, and to bequeath to students of a happier age the ideal of comprehensive scholarship which Poliziano and Erasmus realized."

Filelfo was perhaps the most erudite Greek scholar of his time in Italy, having had the opportunity of spending seven years at Constantinople. He was twenty-two years old when, in 1420, already a professor of philosophy at Venice, he was sent to the court of John Palaeologus as Secretary to the Venetian Consul there. He married a relative of the Byzantine Emperor, a noble but poor girl. Upon his return to Italy, the young scholar was accorded the highest recognition for classical learning. And Filelfo was by no means shy. He thought — and took no trouble to hide his opinion — that he surpassed Virgil because he was an orator, and Cicero, because he was also a poet. His pretensions soon got him into violent quarrels with his fellow humanists — men who were only too human when their interests, financial as well as spiritual, were concerned. Filelfo's feud with Poggio is especially memorable for the brutality of the accusations and the vileness of language displayed on both sides.

Florence was the place where Filelfo enjoyed the most enthusiastic appreciation of his learning. "All men love and honor me, and praise me to the skies," he wrote to a friend soon after his arrival. But five years later, in 1434, he was only too happy to leave. As he was involved in the intrigues against the Medici, his life was in danger.

Siena was Filelfo's next stop, but it was in Milan that he found his permanent home. For over forty years, from 1440 till 1481, he lived almost uninterruptedly at the court of the Visconti and at that of Francesco Sforza. A court poet, he wrote an enormous number of orations, odes and satires, elegies and epigrams, panegyrics and epithalamials. Much of this mass of jingling verse has never been printed.

Devoted as he was to writing and study, Filelfo had a still greater appetite for high living. He loved good food, wine, beautiful women, splendid garments and hosts of servants. His tastes being expensive, he was always on the lookout for money — for "gifts" from princely patrons both in Italy and abroad. During all his life he spent lavishly, and in his old age he was as poor as a beggar. In 1481, at the age of eighty-three, he accepted an invitation to Florence, to teach there once more. He journeyed to the city where he had seen his greatest triumphs as a youth, only to die there two weeks later.

Filelfo wrote innumerable letters, which form a continuous record of his life. The present volume represents only a small selection; the first letter in it is dated 1427 and the last, 1461.

Bought in March, 1923.

# VINCENTIUS BELLOVACENSIS. Opuscula. 13 December, 1481.

Panzer, Vol. I, p. 153; B.M.C., part III, p. 746.

Printed with gothic type, in large quarto form, in two columns, 44 to 48 lines to a column. A complete copy has 339 leaves; from the Library's copy the first 193 leaves, containing the work en-

titled Liber gratiae, are missing. The size of a leaf is  $300 \times 210$  mm., and the text in a column measures  $217 \times 60$  mm. Large initials in red. The binding consists of oak boards covered with leather.

The volume includes the following tracts by Vincent de Beauvais: Laudes Virginis Mariae; De Sancte Johanne Evangelista; De eruditione filiorum regalium; and Consolatio pro morte amici.

The Laudes V. Mariae is a panegyric on the Virgin Mary. In the prologue Vincent describes the purpose and plan of his work: "Since the Evangelists record only very few of the deeds of the Blessed Virgin," he writes, "and since the Fathers of the Church have rejected as apocryphal certain ancient manuscripts which seemed to contain the history of Her birth, life, ascension and some of the miracles attributed to Her, I thought that I might contribute to the glory of the Holy Mother of God and to the edification of the faithful by gathering together carefully, and in accordance with Her spirit, all that might be found in the works of the Holy Doctors, in their tracts as well as in their sermons." The book has been ascribed to various authors, but it seems certain that Vincent de Beauvais — unsurpassed master in selecting extracts — compiled it.

The panegyric on St. John the Evangelist is much shorter than the one written in honor of the Virgin, which usually precedes it in the early manuscripts.

The De eruditione filiorum regalium was composed at the request of Queen Margaret for the use of the royal children. It is a compilation of sacred and profane texts. Pagan poetry was left out, for Vincent was anxious to have the royal children educated in purely Christian literature.

The Consolatio pro morte amici was addressed to King St. Louis, upon the death of his eldest son in 1260. Even this book is only a compilation. It has, however, a special interest inasmuch as it contains some information about the life of Vincent.

(For notes on Vincent de Beauvais, in connection with his Speculum Majus, see pp. 359-366 in the November 1929 issue of More Books.)

Theodore Parker's copy.

## PETRUS COMESTOR. Historia scholastica. 25 November, 1496.

Hain 5,537; B. M. C., part III, p. 749.

A single leaf, bought in 1914.

Printed with semi-gothic type, in two columns, 46 lines to a column. The size of the leaf is  $292 \times 202$  mm., and the leaves.

Petrus, called Comestor or "the Glutton," because of his insatiable avidity as a reader, taught philosophy in Paris about 1165. His *Historia scholastica* is an abridgement of the Bible narrative, provided with commentaries. The book was first printed at Utrecht in 1473.

The Boston Public Library possesses a manuscript copy of the work, written probably in the twelfth century.

# BROMYARD, Johannes de. Summa praedicantium. Not after 1484.

Hain \*3993; B.M.C., part III, p. 747.

A single leaf, bought in 1914.

Printed with semi-gothic type, in two columns, 55 lines to a column. The size of the leaf is  $367 \times 250$  mm., and the text in a column measures  $240 \times 68$  mm. A complete copy consists of two volumes. Containing 364 and 324 leaves.

Johannes de Bromyard (Bromierde), a Dominican friar, was a contemporary and antagonist of Wyclif. A professor of theology at Oxford, he took a prominent part in the London Synod of 1382, where Wyclif was tried and condemned for heresy.

# BERNHARD RICHEL AND MICHAEL WENSSLER

BARTHOLOMEUS ANGLICUS [GLANVILLA]. De Proprietatibus Rerum. 1475?

Hain 2499.

Printed with gothic type, in two has 216 leaves; the size of a leaf is columns, 60 or 61 lines to a column. It  $395 \times 282$  mm., and the text in a column

measures  $278 \times 82$  mm. The text is preceded by an index in manuscript; in complete copies this index is printed and

it follows the text. Large initials in red. Bound in oak boards covered with stamped vellum.

The Library also has a copy of the Strassburg edition of 1491. (For notes see the November 1929 issue of More Books.)

Theodore Parker's copy.

### NICOLAS KESLER

BONIFACE VIII. Liber sextus Decretalium.

Undated.

Hain 3585; B.M.C., part III, p. 774.

Printed with gothic type, of two sizes, in folio form. It has 146 leaves, the first four unnumbered. The size of a leaf is  $333 \times 255$  nm., and the text in

a column measures 267-68 mm. Initials in red and blue. Bound with the *Constitutiones Clementinae* from the same press. Vellum binding.

The Liber sextus Decretalium, promulgated by Pope Boniface VIII in 1298, forms an important part of the Canon Law. In issuing his collection of decretals, Boniface VIII abrogated all the Papal decisions published after the appearance of the Decretals of Gregory IX in 1234, unless they were included in the new collection. He also modified those decisions of Gregory IX which were irreconcilable with his own.

The Sextus gave rise to about as many and as voluminous commentaries as the Gregoriana. The universities studied it eagerly from the moment of its appearance. Joannes Andrea, professor of Canon Law at Bologna, was one of its commentators, composing his Glossa ordinaria about 1300 and his Questiones mercuriales about 1320. After the invention of printing, the Sextus was one of the most frequently printed books. Peter Schoffer published the first edition in Mainz in 1465. The Basel edition by Nicolas Kesler, containing the text with Andrea's commentaries, is undated.

A few words may be said here about Boniface VIII, one of the most energetic, or self-assertive, figures that ever occupied the Papal chair. The nine years of his reign, from 1294 to 1303, were among the most stormy periods of the history of the Papacy.

Boniface VIII was the successor of Celestine V, the saintly hermit-pope, whom he forced into resignation and kept imprisoned until his death. Intent upon increasing the possessions of his family, the Gaetani, the new Pope aroused from the outset the antagonism of other powerful Italian families, among them that of the Colonna; and their quarrels and wars went on for years. But the aspirations of Boniface carried him far beyond the sphere of mere family struggles. Imbued with the principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III, he thought of world sovereignty, believing that the time was opportune again for the vindication of the supreme power of the Pope as the sole head of Christendom. This involved him in countless conflicts with the kings of Germany, England, France, even of Denmark. His fight was most violent with Philip IV, the French King, then the most powerful monarch of Europe. Too impatient, and too haughty, to be a good diplomat, the Pope found himself within a short time altogether isolated. Then in 1302 he pub-

lished his famous Bull, the Unam Sanctam, proclaiming that there is but one true Church, with one head, and that head is Christ and his representative. the Roman Pope; that there are two swords, the spiritual and temporal, the first borne by the Church, the other for the Church; that the spiritual power is above the temporal and has the right to instruct the latter and to judge it when it does evil; and finally, that all men are subject to the Roman Pontiff ... This was an old doctrine, revived at a wrong moment. But Boniface insisted on a formal recognition of his sovereignty and, when he found the French King reluctant, he excommunicated him. Great excitement arose then in Paris. In an extraordinary session of the French Council of State, Guillaume de Nogaret proposed that the King should protect the Church against the Pope, who was an intruder, a simonist and a heretic. Many more and even worse charges were brought forth. In a short time the whole of France, all the prelates and peers, were demanding the deposition of Boniface. And events followed fast. Led by Nogaret and by one of the Colonna, a French mercenary army invaded the Pope's palace at Anagni. The Pope was imprisoned and taken under surveillance to Rome. There in a few weeks he died of a violent fever.

Philip's revengefulness against Boniface did not subside even after the latter's death. Soon after the accession of Clement V to the Papal throne, the French King demanded from him the condemnation of the memory of Boniface VIII as a heretic, a blasphemer, and an immoral priest. Clement kept delaying the process, but finally was forced to yield. The trial, with the examination of witnesses, began in 1310 at Avignon. The following year Philip withdrew the charges, with the understanding that the Pope would make a formal declaration that his intentions in instigating the process had been pure—which the Pope did. At the Council of Vienne, the memory of Boniface was finally purged from the accusations.

Boniface VIII was a capable man, but of a quixotic nature. His pontificate marks the decline of the medieval power of the Papacy.

Theodore Parker's copy.

# CLEMENS V. Constitutiones cum apparatu Joannis Andreae. Undated.

Hain \*3585; B.M.C., part III, p. 774.

Printed with gothic type, of two sizes, in folio form. It has 78 leaves, the first two unnumbered. The size of a leaf is  $333 \times 225$  mm., and the text in a column measures  $267 \times 68$  mm. Spaces are left for initials.

The Constitutiones of Clement V — called also Clementinae, and sometimes Liber Septimus in reference to the Liber Sextus of Boniface VIII — was promulgated at the Council of Vienne in 1314. Like the Decretals of Gregory IX and Boniface VIII, which it follows in arrangement, the Clementinae are a part of the Canon Law. It is a collection of the decisions brought by Clement V and his predecessor Benedict XI.

Clement V was elected Pope in 1305, hardly two years after the tragic end of Boniface, whose memory constantly haunted the nine years of his own pontificate. Clement, formerly Archbishop of Bordeaux, was a Frenchman and a friend of Philip IV, the powerful French King. It was said that before his election he reached an understanding with the King as to his future course as Pope. He certainly had great difficulty in maintaining even a semblance of his independence. It is to his credit that in the trial against the memory of Boniface he was able to defeat the King's purpose. His success, however, had its price. Philip yielded in the question of the condemnation of Boniface VIII, in order to be able to insist with greater force on the process against the Order of the Knight Templars and the confiscation of their properties. Clement, vacillating and uncertain of his position, complied with the wishes of his formidable friend. Learning from the example of Boniface, he pursued an equally pacifist policy toward England and Germany.

Theodore Parker's copy.

### MICHAEL FURTER

GUILLERMUS. Postilla in Evangelia et Epistolas.

1500?

Hain 8249.

Printed with gothic type, the commentaries in smaller type surrounding the text. There are 49 lines to the full page. The size of a leaf is 210 × 144 mm., and the text in a column measures 155 × 52 mm. The work consists of two Parts, numbered respectively fol. I to XCVI, and I to LXI. The first leaf,

under the title, is taken up by a woodcut of the four Evangelists, with the child Jesus as a center. The reverse side of the first leaf is occupied by a large picture of the Crucifixion, repeated on the first leaf of the second Part. Throughout the text there are 53 small woodcuts.

Guillaume d'Auvergne was bishop of Paris from 1228 to 1249. A many-sided man, he distinguished himself in the natural sciences as well as in philosophy and theology. Besides, he was an able diplomatist, who enjoyed the confidence of both the French court and the Pope. His chief claim to fame, however, rests on his philosophical writings. His great work, Magisterium primum sapientialis et divinalis, was an attempt to present a complete view of the world. In the history of medieval philosophy Guillaume d'Auvergne is regarded as a fore-runner of Thomas Aquinas.

The strictly Biblical writings of Guillaume are comparatively few. The Basel edition of his Commentaries on the Gospels and Epistles possesses a special interest on account of its numerous woodcuts. Some of these are primitive, while the others have considerable finish; they are the products of two entirely different schools.

The woodcut in the center of Folio LXV — reproduced in this issue of More Books: — is an illustration to Mathew, chap. XXII, verse 4: "Again, he [the King] sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage."

Bought in February, 1901.

### BY UNKNOWN PRINTER

SPRENGER, Jacobus, and KRÄMER, Henricus. Malleus maleficarum. circa 1490.

Hain 9240.

Printed with gothic type, in quarto form, in two columns, 40 lines to the column. A complete copy has 190 leaves; from the Library's copy the first 6 and the last 16 leaves are missing. The size of a leaf is 195 × 130 mm., and the text in a column measures 141 × 44 mm.

The Malleus maleficarum — in English, The Hammer of Witches — was first published in 1489 in Cologne. The British Museum has a copy supposedly printed in 1485, but the date can hardly be accurate. Other fifteenth-century editions were published in 1494 (a quarto in Cologne, and a quarto and a folio in Nuremberg), and in 1496 (a quarto and a folio). The book was frequently reprinted during the sixteenth, and even during the seventeenth century.

Four years ago the Rev. Montague Summers translated the work into English, for the first time, from the original 1489 edition. He preceded his translation with a lengthy introduction, giving biographical sketches of the authors and describing the nature of the book.

The Rev. Mr. Summers was born in 1880. The English Who's Who tells us that he has lived largely abroad, particularly in Italy; that he is especially interested in old English drama, and has superintended the production of eighteen plays, as well as of a complete Congreve cycle. He has edited the works of several eighteenth-century dramatists, and has published original books on witchcraft. Among his recreations, which are many, he mentions "the investigation of occult phenomena; ghost stories; talking to intelligent dogs, that is, all dogs; research in hagiology, liturgies, mysticism."

Now the Rev. Mr. Summers - like M. Durtal in Huvsmans' novel Là-Bas — professes to be a believer in witchcraft, who looks upon the Malleus maleficarum, which most people regard as one of the craziest and cruelest documents of the Middle Ages, as an almost divinely inspired book. By a reasoning entirely his own, he links the medieval heretics and the presentday communists together. "The heretics," he writes, "were just as resolute and just as practical, that is to say, just as determined to bring about the domination of their absolutism as is any revolutionary of to-day. The aim and objects of their leaders, Tanchelin, Everwacher, the Jew Manasses, Peter Waldo, Pierre Autier, Peter of Bruys, Arnold of Brescia, and the rest, were exactly those of Lenin, Trotsky, Zinoviev, and their fellows." He maintains that "heresy was one huge revolutionary body, exploiting its forces through a hundred different channels and having as its object chaos and corruption." This being so, he heartily admires the Inquisition, and is in entire sympathy with the burning of the witches and the tortures which the Malleus maleficarum recommends against them. "Witches were the bane of all social order; they injured not only persons but property. Any other save the most thorough measures must have been unavailing; worse, they must have but fanned the flame . . . " the Reverend Mr. Summers, friend and companion of dogs, writes.

# **Folium**

# LXV

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A PAGE FROM THE "POSTILLA" OF GUILLAUME D'AUVERGNE PRINTED BY MICHAEL FURTER AT BASEL REPRODUCED IN THE SIZE OF THE ORIGINAL

It sounds like a perverse pose — if it is not, as one occasionally hopes, the cloak of a Swiftian satire.

At any rate, the translator has done an excellent job. And one must be grateful that this notorius work of the last decades of the Middle Ages may be read now in fluent and clear English, with a pleasing touch of the archaic.

Both authors were Dominicans. Jacobus Sprenger was made prior of the Dominican house at Cologne in 1474 and a little later was elected Provincial of the whole German Province. Heinrich Krämer was perhaps a less considerable figure, but he, too, was widely known, through the pulpit and printed page, as a ruthless enemy of the witches. In 1484 the two friars were appointed by Innocent VIII as General Inquisitors for all the dioceses of the five metropolitan churches of Germany. Immediately upon the receipt of the now famous Papal Bull, the Inquisitors began their crusade. The Malleus maleficarum — the manual of witch-hunting — was largely the result of their bloody work.

The book consists of three parts. The first treats of "the three necessary concomitants of witchcraft, which are the devil, a witch, and the permission of Almighty God." The second describes "the methods by which the works of witchcraft are wrought and directed, and how they may be successfully annulled and dissolved." Finally, the third part relates "the judicial proceedings in both the ecclesiastical and civil courts against witches and all heretics."

Brothers Sprenger and Krämer put the substance of their teaching in the form of questions and arguments. The first question in the book stoutly maintains that the belief in the existence of witches is so essential a part of faith that the opposite opinion is in itself heresy. In support of this tenet a whole treatise is offered, with copious quotations from the Scriptures and the Church Fathers. The monkish authors, however, are at their best when they analyse such delicate problems as "whether children can be generated by incubi and succubi," or "by which devils are the operations of incubus and succubus practised," and "whether witches can hebetate the powers of generation or obstruct the venereal act?" They probe deeper and deeper into the subject, until their inquiries become so specific — and all-knowing — that further quotation would be inadvisable.

Surely, there was nothing alien to the imagination of these learned friars. They produced a masterpiece, worthy of study by the keenest students of abnormal psychology.

The Boston Public Library owns three other rare editions of the Malleus maleficarum, two printed at Venice in 1576, and one at Lyons in 1614.

Theodore Parker's copy.

### **PARIS**

### ULRICH GERING

GUIDO DE MONTE ROCHEN. Manipulus curatorum.

4 June, 1478.

Hain 8181.

Printed with roman type, in quarto form, 28 or 29 lines to the page. It has 195 leaves, the first blank; the size of a leaf is  $202 \times 134$  mm., while the text

measures  $144 \times 84$  mm. Book worms have done much damage to the volume. The first leaf has the signature and date "T. Prince. Boston. 1729."

Guido de Monte-Rochen (or Monte-Rocherii) was a fourteenth-century Spanish theologian, a parish-priest at Teruel in the diocese of Valencia. He wrote his *Manual for curates* in 1333. The book was often reprinted during the fifteenth century, and was, besides, translated into several languages.

Ulrich Gering was one of the three Germans who, in 1470, introduced printing into France. With Martin Krantz and Michael Friburger, he came to Paris at the invitation of Johann Heynlin, rector of the Sorbonne, and of Guillaume Fichet, professor of rhetoric there. Heynlin himself was a German, a native of Stein in Baden, and once a fellow student of Friburger at the University of Basle. Both he and Fichet lent editorial assistance to the new printers, who set up their press within the precincts of the Sorbonne.

The first book produced by the three Germans was a collection of letters by Gasparino of Bergamo, and the second a treatise on the orthography of Latin words by the same author. In this book is printed, in the place of a preface, Fichet's letter to Robert Gaguin in which this paragraph occurs: "The printers say here to whoever is willing to listen to them, that it is a man named John, called Gutenberg, who first invented in the neighborhood of Mainz the art of printing, by the means of which books can now be made, not with the aid of the reed, as in old times, nor by the pen as in our days, but with letters of metal, quickly, correctly and well . . ." This letter, written two years after Gutenberg's death, and by a highly educated man, who was besides closely interested in printing, is one of the proofs that Gutenberg was really the inventor of printing.

In 1473 the three printers left the University and established themselves at the Solcil d'Or in the rue Saint-Jacques, the street where most of the scribes and illuminators lived and worked. The first book which they produced in their new shop was the Manipulus curatorum, in which for the first time they used a gothic type. In 1477 Friburger and Krantz returned to Germany, and for several years Gering alone carried on the business. In 1478 he published a second edition of the Manipulus curatorum — the edition here described — with a new roman type. Gering, who in his later years was associated with Berthold Renbolt, another German, became one of the most distinguished Paris printers. Upon commission from Antoine Vérard and Simon Vostre he printed a large number of illustrated service books, notable for their beauty of type and ornaments.

Thomas Prince's copy.

# JEAN MORAND

HEROLT, JOHANNES. Sermones de tempore et sanctis.

29 May, 1500.

Printed with gothic type in two columns, 53 lines to the column. It has 143 $\times$ 51 mm. The Table of Contents 417 leaves; the size of a leaf is 196 $\times$ 135 occupies the first 22 leaves.

A collection of sermons from the Fathers of the Church and medieval preachers, arranged by Johannes Herolt, a German Dominican monk of the fourteenth century, calling himself the discipulus of the men whose sermons he now publishes. (For notes on Herolt see also the November 1929 issue of MORE BOOKS, p. 372.)

Jean Morand, the printer, whose name is given in the colophon, was active from 1492 to 1500. He worked chiefly for Antoine Vérard, for whom he executed, among other works, the *Chroniques de France* in three volumes. The title-page of Herolt's *Sermons*, however, includes the printer's device of Jacques Moerart, one of the less known Paris printers, who was evidently associated with Morand in the publication of the work. Moerart's device shows a tree, with a bottle hanging on one side from the branches and the letters A M inscribed on the other; in the frame there is the legend: *Dicu soit à mon commenchement et à ma fin*. The spelling of the word *commenchement* betrays Moerart's Picard origin.

The volume is obviously very rare since it is not mentioned in Hain, Proctor, Brunet or in any of the usual authorities.

Theodore Parker's copy.

# ROBERT GOURMONT

HESSE, Johannes de. Itinerarius per diversas mundi partes. 1489.

Hain 8536.

Printed with roman type, in quarto form, 40 lines to the page. It has 19 mm. The verso side of the last leaf is leaves; the size of a leaf is  $196 \times 133$  taken up by a woodcut.

This booklet includes a good deal of heterogeneous material. The first five leaves are devoted to a description of the earth, with its islands, oceans, movements, and many miraculous things. Then follows a tract about the ten nations — Latins, Greeks, Hindus, Armenians, Georgians, etc. — and about the various Christian sects. There is, besides, information about such miscellaneous subjects as salamanders, serpents, precious stones, and the geography of India.

The woodcut on the back of the last leaf represents a tree with a soldier on either side; the soldiers are holding muskets to their shoulders, aiming at something among the branches of the tree. In the frame is printed in large gothic type: "En ce monde fault bien tuer Qui en paradis veult monter. Olivier Senant." It was at the expense of Senant that Robert Gourmont — owner of the shop à la Corne de Daim in the rue Saint-Jean-de-Latran — printed the booklet.

Bought in October, 1878.

### GEORGIUS MITTELHUS

BERNARDUS, CLARAEVALLENSIS. Meditationes.

1493.

Hain \*2885.

Printed with semi-gothic type, in small format, 27 lines to the page. It has 24 leaves; the size of a leaf is  $136 \times 95$  mm., and the text measures  $102 \times 65$  mm. Bound in old vellum, together with five other small works.

"Many are deeply learned in variety of arts and sciences, and all the while continue as profoundly ignorant of themselves: they are inquisitive about the affairs of other men, and perfectly void of thought or care for their own . . ." With these words begin the meditations of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, one of the greatest figures of the twelfth century. The treatise is full of beautiful Biblical thoughts, or rather feelings, for Bernard was far more an emotionalist than a thinker. There was little in him of the subtle reasonings of the schoolmen; instead, he was filled with a deep, mystic fervor which scorned mere learning. Not the mind, but the soul interested him. This treatise, too, was called *Liber animae*, the book of the soul.

The duty of self-examination, the attention requisite in public devotion, the confession of sins, the rewards of good men in the next life are among the subjects about which the Saint meditated most. His views may not seem practical, yet they undoubtedly touch on very important matters. "How foolish is it," he exclaims at one place, "for man to lay up treasures upon earth, since both he who heaps them up, and that which is heaped up, are eternally in motion, and pass away like water that runneth apace? What advantage, vain man, dost thou expect in this world? For the advantage of worldly-minded men is destruction, and the end of it is death." And his counsel is: "The greatest honour we can pay to God is by our worship and our imitation. Every pious heavenly-minded man is an imitator of God: for a devout mind is a house consecrated to his service, and a pure heart is the altar that sanctifies every gift . . ." Sentences like these reveal Bernard's kinship with Thomas à Kempis; indeed, it has been said that, of all his predecessors in mysticism, the lovable Dutch monk of the fifteenth century was most intimately indebted to the saintly Abbot of Clairvaux.

Unfortunately, Bernard's authorship of the *Meditationes* is not at all certain. The early manuscript copies, in which it is usually entitled *De Interiori Homine*, unanimously ascribe it to St. Bernard, and the treatise is incorporated in the collected edition of his works as published in Migne's *Patrologia Latina*. In the latter, however, J. Mabillon, the editor, makes this significant remark: "To be sure, the *Meditations* contain many sayings of

St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, Boethius, not to mention Seneca: sayings which more than once have been lauded under Bernard's name... Yet few things occur in the *Meditations* which were taken over from Bernard's other, generally known writings. And even the passages which are otherwise not unworthy of him do not seem to be written by him, their style being very different from his style."

The Library has a fifteenth-century manuscript copy of the work in French.

Bought in June, 1908.

ZUTPHANIA, GERARDUS DE. De reformatione virium animae. 1493.

Hain 16,292.

Printed with semi-gothic type, 27 text measures  $100 \times 62$  mm. MS. notes lines to the page. It has 60 leaves; the size of a leaf is  $136 \times 95$  mm., while the with the above book.

The life of Gerard Zerbolt, of Zutphen, has been told in a charming, though meagre sketch by Thomas à Kempis, his fellow member in the Brotherhood of Common Life at Deventer.

Gerard was a most studious man who, when not praying, spent his time in poring over old manuscripts. "So fiercely did his mind burn to make progress in knowledge that he was sad above measure when the masters did not lecture in the school, nay he even wept sometimes, because on holidays there was no lecture." What could be more natural than that the young Brother became the librarian of the convent? "He lent many copies of holy books to clerks outside the house that they might have readings at home and in the schools, so as to avoid the telling of empty stories and idle wandering on feast days." His tastes drew him, of course, to religious books. "He loved the works of Holy Theology above all the riches of the world, and rejoiced more greatly over a well-writ copy than a sumptuous banquet or wine of excellent savour . . . For this cause he held books in the greatest reverence, read in them with all diligence, and kept them under careful ward." Yet, full of zeal for self-improving, the young monk did not live long. On his way to visit the Abbot of Dickeninghe, for which he set out with Brother Amilius, he fell severely ill. "Then said Amilius to him, 'It seemeth to me thou art near to die'; and Gerard made answer, 'So seemeth it to me also'; and so it was that his sickness grew upon him, and he breathed forth the breath of his life as one tapped in a gentle sleep." So Thomas à Kempis records his death, which occurred in 1308, the thirty-first year of his life.

Thomas à Kempis speaks of two works of Gerard, one beginning "Blessed is the man" and the other beginning "A certain man." The two tracts, however, are so similar that they may be considered as different versions of the same work. The one beginning "A certain man" is the less finished of the two; the Library's copy contains this version.

The De reformatione virium animae is a book of instructions, dealing with all sorts of subjects from the fall of man to meditations about death. But the author's special concern is the "spiritual ascent," which is possible only through

the eradication of vices. Brother Gerard gives pertinent advice on how to root out gluttony, wrath, luxury, envy, pride, concupiscence, and other dangerous ingredients of human nature. He recommends against them the virtues of patience, strenuousness, gravity, and benignity. The last one especially attracted him. "Benignity is a sweetness of mind," he wrote, "that doth shut out all vileness, and makes the mind apt to benevolence, to tolerance, to inward joy." Brother Gerard, undoubtedly, possessed that sweetness of mind.

Bought in June, 1908.

NIDER, Johannes. Alphabetum divini amoris. 17 April, 1493.

Printed with semi-gothic type, 26 text measures  $100 \times 62$  mm. Spaces lines to the page. It has 36 leaves; the size of a leaf is  $136 \times 95$  mm., and the above book.

Johannes Nider, a Dominican friar, was an outstanding theologian, reformer and diplomatist of the early fifteenth century. He was a delegate to the Council of Constance and later traveled in Italy. Impressed by the need for reform in the monasteries, he devoted much of his time — in writing as well as in preaching — to that end. Having been appointed vicar of the German Dominican houses, he had a good chance to put his theories into practice. He was chiefly responsible for the convocation of the Council of Basle, where he sharply denounced the followers of Huss and suggested, at the same time, measures for uniting the Bohemian schismatics with the Catholic Church. In his earlier years he taught in Vienna, where he returned for the last few years of his life. He died on a visit at Colmar in 1438, at the age of fifty-eight.

Johannes Nider was a voluminous writer. His best known work is called Formicarius, a book on witcheraft, one of the chief sources of the Malleus maleficarum by Sprenger and Krämer. The Library has a volume printed in 1614 at Venice which contains both works. There is another rare copy of a work by Nider in the Library: a copy of the 1505 edition of Die Vierunzwinczig Gulden Harpffen — a free translation of the Collationes of Johannes Cassianus, which consists of counsels, directions and exhortations for monks.

The treatise here described has been often attributed to Jean Gerson, chancellor of the University of Paris in the first decades of the fifteenth century.

Bought in June, 1908.

# THIELMAN KERVER

VERGILIUS MARO, Publicus. Opera.

1500.

Copinger 6094.

Printed with roman type, of two sizes, the commentary surrounding the text. It consists of three parts, the first comprising 196, the second 394, and the third 72 leaves. The size of a leaf is  $270 \times 190$  mm., and the text measures  $215 \times 140$  mm. Bound in oak boards covered with stamped vellum.

The first part contains the *Bucolica* and *Georgica*; the second, the *Aeneis*; and the third, the *Opuscula*. The commentaries are by Antonio Mancinelli,

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and the explanatory notes by Jodocus Badius. The title-page of each part carries the device of Jean Petit, the publisher: a lion and a leopard crouching on either side of a tree and holding a shield with the letters I and P. On the last leaf of each part is printed the printer's mark used by Kerver: two unicorns prancing on either side of a tree and holding a shield with the letters T and K.

Thielman Kerver came from Coblenz to Paris, where he first installed himself on the Pont Saint-Michel as a bookseller. He began printing in 1498 and soon won recognition by the beauty of his work. This German printer used the French bâtarde type and the traditional French illustrations with remarkable taste and ease. His Books of Hours are among the most beautiful works printed in his time in Paris. His roman type, too, with which he printed Vergil's Opera and Gaguin's Compendium was excellent. In contrast to the round Italian roman type, the roman type which Kerver used was somewhat elongated, oval-shaped — as all later genuinely French roman types were. He married Yolande Bonhomme, descendant of an old French bookseller family, which probably helped him in his quick French naturalization. His shop was in the rue des Mathurins. He died in 1525.

Jean Petit, like Vérard or Vostre, was a publisher and bookseller, and not a printer. He gave work to no less than twenty printers; one of these called him *bibliopolarum optimus*, the prince of booksellers. Especially after 1500 his business rapidly increased. His shop stood in the rue Saint-Jacques, at the sign of the *Lion d'Argent* and later at the *Fleur de Lis d'Or*.

Theodore Parker's copy.

# GAGUINUS, Robertus. Compendium super Francorum gestis. 1500.

Hain 7413.

Printed with roman type, in large quarto form, 45 lines to the page. It has 180 leaves; the size of a leaf is  $272 \times 190$  nm., and the text measures  $207 \times 128$  mm. The title-page consists

of a large woodcut, duplicated on the next to last leaf. The colophon is preceded by the printer's mark of Thielman Kerver, as may be seen on the facsimile printed on p. 279.

Robert Gaguin, the historian, was born in 1433. He entered the Order of the Mathurins, and studied in Paris. Guillaume Fichet, professor of rhetoric at the Sorbonne, was one of his friends; it was to Gaguin that Fichet addressed in 1470 his now famous letter about the invention of printing. Gaguin, who succeeded Fichet in the chair of rhetoric at the College of the Mathurins, was himself a distinguished orator. Both Louis XI and Charles VIII used his services on diplomatic missions. He died in 1502.

The Compendium super Francorum gestis was first published in 1497. The edition brought out by Thielman Kerver was the fourth. It is a beautiful book, in which Kerver's fine roman type is shown to good advantage.

The last page of the *Compendium*, with the printer's device used by Kerver and the verses of Jodocus Baduis, is reproduced on p. 279 of More Books.

Bought in February, 1901,

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Mocstag Parrhisis magni disruptio pontis: Aduentus ducis causag iulliaci.

Quinadeo regum clarissima gesta duorum: Quorum marte/potensitala terra/ruit.

Ergo agedum reducem lodoicum gallia reges Victorem in lubris con lpiceleta foli.

Conspice censores specimenos lutecia morum: Et normannetui perlege sura fori.



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### FELIX BALIGAULT

PHILELPHUS, Franciscus. Epistolae.

30 April, 1498.

Hain 12,946.

Printed with gothic type, in quarto form, 40 lines to the page. A complete copy consists of 237 leaves; from the Library's copy the first leaf and the last in red. In old leather binding.

The text is the same as in the 1490 Basel edition printed by Amerbach. The colophon (missing from the Library's copy) states that the volume was printed by Felix Baligault, at the expense of Jean Petit. In his shop, à la Corne de Cerf and later à l'Image Saint-Etienne, Baligault was active from 1492 to 1503. He printed a number of works for various publishers, among them a large Catholicon for Simon Vostre. His printer's device includes a tree, so customary with French printers, with a monkey on either side; in the centre there is the name "Felix."

Bought in October, 1901.

### WOLFGANG HOPYL

MARTINUS, SAINT. Formula vitae honestae.

Undated.

Printed in gothic type, of two sizes. It has 16 leaves; from the Library's copy the first is missing. The size of binding. a leaf is  $204 \times 138$  mm., and the text measures  $138 \times 90$  mm. In old leather binding.

St. Martin, bishop of Braga, lived in the sixth century. He was an admirer of Seneca, whose philosophical works he paraphrased in his own writings. The present treatise, too, is taken from one of Seneca's lost works. The four cardinal virtues — prudence, fortitude, continence. and justice — are commmented upon in it.

Wolfgang Hopyl, a native of The Hague, settled in Paris in 1489. He printed a large number of mathematical and philosophical works, all in Latin. One of his most beautiful books was the *Utrecht Missal*, which he printed at his own expense as a gift to his native land. He was especially noted for the correctness of his work. His shop stood at the *Image Saint-Georges* in the rue Saint-Jacques.

Bought in October, 1901.

# BY UNKNOWN PRINTER

BALBUS, HIERONYMUS. Dialogus de eloquentia.

Undated.

Proctor 7871.

Printed with gothic type, in quarto form, 38 lines to the page. It has 56 leaves, the last blank; the size of a leaf Wide, uncut margins.

Girolamo Balbi, or Balbo, was a native of Venice, but lived most of his life outside of Italy. In 1484 he went to Paris, where he taught at the Uni-

versity. Soon he became widely known for both his learning and licentious living. Like so many of his fellow humanists, Balbi had a quarrelsome nature and got himself into violent controversies. In 1494 he published his Rhetor aloriosus, ridiculing Guillaume Tardif, the grammarian. The book is written in the form of a dialogue, with Charles Fernand, Pierre de Courthardi, and Guillaume Tardif as interlocutors. Tardif is represented as a conceited fool, whose poor Latin style was full of errors. In reply, Tardif the following year published his Anti-Balbica, and used his influence with the authorities for the banishment of the Italian, whose scandalous way of life was notorious. Balbi left Paris, spent two years in England, and then went to Vienna as professor of the Latin classics. However, he did not remain long in Austria. Where he spent the next fifteen years is unknown. In 1514 the King of Hungary appointed him rector of the College at Pozsony, and four years later the Emperor Maximilian made him bishop of Gurk, in Carinthia. Both Maximilian and Charles V had often used his services on diplomatic missions. eloquence was much admired. He died probably in 1535.

The Rhetor gloriosus is a very rare book; a French writer on Balbi remarks that he could not find a single copy of it in any public library. Neither Panzer nor Hain mention it.

Received in November, 1896.

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# JEAN TRECHSEL

OCKAM, GULIELMUS DE. Opus nonaginta dierum. 16 July, 1495.

Hain 11,935.

Printed with gothic type, in two column, 55 lines to the column. It has measures  $205 \times 60$  mm. Decorative in148 leaves. The size of a leaf is  $282 \times$ 

The work received its name from the fact that it took Ockam ninety days to write it. It was composed in 1330 at Munich, where Ockam was enjoying the hospitality and protection of King Louis of Bavaria.

The chief subject of the book is the question of the poverty of Jesus and the apostles. Ockam had always maintained that Jesus and the Apostles owned no property, either individually or in common. In 1323 Pope John XXII declared that it was heretical to hold such a view, but Ockam did not give up his conviction. He was ordered to Avignon, where a Papal commission investigated his works, in which numerous passages were found objectionable. He was imprisoned in the Papal city, but escaped and found his way to Pisa, where he met King Louis. "If you protect me by your sword, I will protect you by my pen," he allegedly said to the monarch. Soon afterwards he settled at Munich and it was then that he wrote his *Opus nonaginta dicrum*. Always a staunch supporter of the Imperial policies, he remained at Munich till his death in 1349. He was buried there in the church of the Franciscans.

Ockam was an Englishman, a native of the village Ockam in the county of Surrey. The date of his birth is unknown, probably it lies between 1270 and 1280. He held various offices in the dioceses of Durham, York, and Lincoln, and later taught in Paris. When he joined the Franciscans is unknown. From the beginning he belonged to the party of Spirituals, who wanted to enforce rigorously the principles of the Founder of the Order. This brought him early in conflict with the Party of Relaxation supported by the Pope. He was, however, in close harmony with the General of the Order, Michael of Cesena, who was himself a Spiritual. Michael of Cesena was imprisoned at Avignon at the same time as Ockam, with whom he also escaped to Pisal. Before his death he handed over to his friend the seal of the Order for keeping.

The theological writings of William Ockam are numerous and of great importance. He is regarded by many as a fore-runner of Wyclif. Unquestionably, this English Franciscan friar — by his sagacity, his learning, and the austerity of his character — stands out as one of the greatest churchmen of his time. Pope Clement VI was supposed to have said that, next to the salvation of his own soul, he wished nothing more ardently than the return of William Ockam to the fold.

But apart from his significance as a theologian, Ockam was a notable philosopher. A former pupil of Duns Scotus, he turned against the teachings of the schoolmen. Ockam denied the existence of "universals" and maintained that intuition is the source of all knowledge. He was the founder of nominalistic philosophy.

Jean Trechsel's edition of the Opus nonaginta dierum is an editio princeps. Theodore Parker's copy.

OCKAM, Gulielmus de. Dialogus adversus haereticos.

1494.

Hain 11,938.

Printed with gothic type, in two columns, 55 lines to the column. It has 286 leaves. The size of a leaf is  $282 \times 200$  mm., and the text in a column measures  $205 \times 60$  mm. The recto side

of the tenth leaf is blank, and the upper half of the verso side is occupied by a woodcut, showing two monks, one apparently explaining a text to the other. The initials are in red and blue.

The Dialogus adversus haereticos consists of three parts. The first part, written in 1342, deals with heresy in general and, among other things, analyses the question whether a Pope can be heretical and whether a general council is always right. The second part is a reprint of the tract De dogmatibus Johannis XXII, written in 1333. Finally, the third part is devoted to an investigation of the Papal and Imperial powers.

William Ockam believed that only such truths constitute the Catholic creed as are explicitly and implicitly embodied in the Bible — and of the traditional teachings only such as were accepted by the whole Church. The Saints, according to him, could be wrong in spite of their saintliness. Similarly, the general councils may err, for the councils are not under the direct influence of the Holy Ghost. As to heresy, a person can be heretical only if he acknowledges that he is in error and yet persists in it. The bishop has no right to order a subordinate to renounce his views, if the latter can prove his position

by the teachings of the theological doctors. Further, one must distinguish between the person and the opinion of a heretic; one can remain friendly with a heretic without becoming one. On the other hand, it is a duty to fight against heresy, even if this originates from the Pope. History shows by many examples that a Pope may sin and that the general council may err. However, the infallibility of the whole Church seems an acceptable doctrine, for there are always at least a few people in the Church, who with the greatest care are seeking the truth. Then the writer turns with peculiar vehemence against Pope John XXII and his supporters, bishops and other learned men, who "oppress the innocent and undermine the evangelical, canonical, and state laws." The Pope himself he called "the most terrible tyrant who ever lived," especially condemning him for the ruthless persecution of Michael of Cesena, the General of the Franciscan Order.

In the second part William Ockam examines the various bulls of the Pope, among them the one about the poverty of Jesus and the Apostles. In the question of the visio beatifica he declared that it was the greatest heresy to maintain that the blessed in heaven have no clear vision of God before the resurrection and that up to that time only the human form of Christ can be seen.

The assumption of the Pope that he has supreme power over the whole of Christendom, in temporal matters as well as in spiritual. Ockam had combatted since his early days in Paris, when he had taken sides with Philip IV against Pope Boniface VIII. Temporal power in the hands of the Pope, he thought, means entanglement in alliances. The innumerable wars which were carried on on Italian soil, with the consequent devastations of the country, were caused by the temporal power and the worldly possessions of the Papacy. He rejected even the primacy of the Pope among the bishops, for Jesus entrusted his spirit not only to Peter, but to all the apostles. Since the Scriptures make it our duty to flee from false Christs, it is our duty to avoid the heretical Pope, and if the general council does not depose him, the Emperor should use his force against him.

Finally, the last tract in the volume discusses the power of the Emperor. Since two supreme powers cannot exist in the same empire, the Emperor, as protector of his subjects and of the Church, exercises jurisdiction even over the Pope. Augustus and his successors held sway over the whole earth, therefore the German-Roman Emperors, too, are nominally rulers of the world, though to many countries their power does not extend in actual fact. The division of the world into countries, with their continuous warfare, is a curse upon mankind; the best form of government would be a world-monarchy.

Theodore Parker's copy.

# OCKAM, GULIELMUS DE. Compendium errorum.

1494?

Hain \*11,946.

Printed with gothic type, in two columns, 55 lines to the column. It has measures  $205 \times 60$  mm. Bound with 12 leaves. The size of a leaf is  $282 \times$  the above volume.

This tract was written probably in 1338. It enumerates a long list of the errors and heresies of Pope John XXII, briefly repudiating each.

Theodore Parker's copy.

OCKAM, GULIELMUS DE. Tabulae. Centilogium theologicum.
9 November, 1495.

Hain \*11,942.

Printed with gothic type, in two columns, 55 lines to the column. It has guid-headings on the margins. There is an illuminated initial on the first leaf.

In 1495 Jean Trechsel published in a single volume Super quatuor libros sententiarum, Ockam's greatest theological work, and his Centilogium theologicum, a collection of theological problems. A complete copy, comprising both works, consists of 454 leaves. The Library's copy is a mere fragment; it contains the short Centilogium theologicum, but the Super quatuor libros sententiarum is entirely missing, except the Tabulae.

Bought in October, 1878.

(To be continued.)

Zoltán Haraszti

# Ten Books

Beveridge and the Progressive Era [4227.355], by Claude G. Bowers, is, as the publishers rightly describe it, "a political history of the United States from the Spanish War to the years following the World War." The life of Senator Beveridge is the thread along which the story is developed, but, though the attention is focussed upon him, his portrait becomes merely a part of the picture. Scores of other figures are depicted on that grand canvas which, besides, is devoted as much to the events as to the personalities who played a rôle in them. Even the first section of the book, which describes Beveridge's boyhood and early youth, quickly leaves the purely biographical; but, then, Beveridge was in politics even while in college, stumping his native Indiana from end to end in the Blaine campaign of 1884. Fifteen years later, at the age of thirtysix, he was elected to the United States Senate. Imperialist and ultra-conservative, he took his seat after a spectacular visit to the Philippines, and by demanding the unequivocal annexation of these islands he made a brilliant and conspicuous start. Looked upon as a man with a great future, he attracted the friendship of influential men, among And yet the high them Roosevelt. hopes of success were destined to be disappointed. In 1905 Beveridge was reëlected without opposition, but meanwhile a deep-going change occurred in him which inevitably brought him into conflict with his former allies. Seeing the money grabbing avidity of the big industrialists, Beveridge was forced into the camp of the "insurgents," fighting on the side of Senators La Follette, Cummins, and Dolliver. One of the original Progressive Republicans, he was really a supporter of Roosevelt's policies, opposing child labor under fourteen years, demanding government regulation of the public service corporations, the conservation of national resources — and also a big navy. It was the first year of President Taft's administration, on the occasion of the Pavne-Aldrich Tariff Act, that the disruption of the Republican Party occurred. Beveridge was the leader of the opposition to that bill, which he regarded as a betraval of the masses. He had to pay the penalty for his independence. In 1911 the "stand-pat" Republicans in Indiana helped the Democrats to defeat him in the election for the Senate. With this Beveridge's career in office was ended. Twice again he ran for the Senate, but was defeated. It was his failure in politics which released his talents as a historical writer. The Life of John Marshall in four volumes — the first two of which appeared in 1916 and the last two in 1919 — gave him a permanent place among American historians. Of the biography of Lincoln, which he planned on the same scale, only the first two volumes were completed, when, in 1927, he died . . . The life and character of Senator Beveridge were not without contradictions, but he was a colorful and remarkable personality: dashing, yet sentimental a Roosevelt from the Middle-West. Mr. Bowers's work, the record of a whole epoch, deserves all praise. Like a huge river, his narrative flows. It is by its powerful, slow motion and by its comprehensiveness that such a book should be judged, not by the artistry of style and the phrasing of sentences.

Mr. Bernard DeVoto calls his *Mark Twain's America* [2396.501] "an essay in the correction of ideas." The ideas which he wishes to correct — emanating from Messrs. Van Wyck Brooks, Wal-

do Frank, and Lewis Mumford — decry the frontier where Mark Twain spent his early life as joyless, crudely materialistic, sex-abhorring, and generally ridden by all sorts of complexes. "A desert of human sand! — The barrenest spot in all Christendom, surely, for the seed of genius to fall in . . ." as Mr. Brooks expressed it. Mr. DeVoto, who as a native of Utah has known frontiersmen, is indignant at the accusations and blankly declares that Mr. Brooks is completely ignorant of the America about which he writes. "He had no knowledge of the frontier and considered none essential." Instead of learning about the frontier from original sources, Mr. Brooks undertook to psycho-analyze Mark Twain, trying to prove that the "pure" artist in him was frustrated from childhood by a Puritanical mother and the Philistinism of his environment. According to Mr. Brooks, Mark Twain, who was originally a rebel, surrendered his ideals and betraved his deepest self; and in consequence he suffered throughout his life from a sense of profound guilt, the product of a conflict between art and conformity ... In two-thirds of his book Mr. De-Voto shows what the pioneering West really looked like, with its buzzing life, bursting with energy and enterprise, and withal drinking, gambling, singing, story-telling, and, if anything, overappreciative of the good pleasures of the earth. Digging into old newspapers, reminiscences, and story-books, the author recreates the life at Florida, Missouri, where Samuel Clemens was born, and Hannibal, Missouri, where he grew up; the life along the whole Mississipi River, with its steamboats, negroes, and innumerable adventurers. Far from being a desert of human sand, Mr. DeVoto is convinced that "the frontier was American energy in its highest phase." And he is equally certain that Mark Twain, the alleged martyr with a beautiful soul, enjoyed hugely the gorgeous spectacle. It was the frontier "that matured Sam Clemens, that gave him, after three false apprenticeships, the trade he would follow all his life, and that brought into harmony the elements of his mind which before

had fumbled for expression." In other words, it was on the shore of the Mississipi that the author of "Huckleberry Finn" was formed — which is, of course, the most natural thing and makes it even more absurd that anyone should regret that Mark Twain was not a "pure" artist. Mr. DeVoto deserves credit for puncturing a literary bubble and for helping to restore our ideas about frontier life to reality.

As biographer of John Quincy Adams [2347.196] Bennett Champ Clark has handled the unwieldy mass of partisan controversies and government business during the long life of John Quincy Adams with an admirable skill. The book is equally interesting as a character study and as a political chronicle. John Ouincy Adams began his public life at the age of fourteen when, as secretary and interpreter, he accompanied Francis Dana on his diplomatic mission to Russia. Adams's own diplomatic career brought him as minister to the Dutch Republic, Prussia, England, and later to the court of Czar Alexander. He held more great diplomatic posts than any American ever held. In Massachusetts state politics, in the United States Senate, and as Secretary of State in President Monroe's cabinet, Adams was a Federalist "by birth and conviction," but opposed to the Hamiltonian faction. The Presidential election in which he ran against Jackson and Crawford; the rather uneventful years of his Presidency; and finally his activities as "Old Man Eloquent" in the House of Representatives are related with freshness and with many lively portraits of contemporaries.

The Liberation of American Literature [2396.498], by V. F. Calverton, is an attempt to present a sociological interpretation of American literature. The roots of the literary imagination, the author maintains, lie as close to the culture from which they have arisen as do the less imaginative materials of economics and politics. He does not depreciate the importance of aesthetic evaluation, but rather believes that "aesthetic criticism can only be signifi-

cant when derived from a sound social philosophy." Few American writers have been interested so far in the influence of class factors in our cultural life, and Mr. Calverton regards his work as merely the clearing away of some of the confusions of background. It is impossible to summarize a book of this scale in a few lines. He writes of the "colonial complex," which dominated American literature till the end of the nineteenth century; of Puritanism, in which he sees the manifestations of a lower middle-class psychology; of the "Southern pattern," which is the expression of a semi-feudalistic agrarian economy; of the conflict of Hamiltonians and Jeffersonians with its reflection in literature; of "the frontier force," which freed America from the cultural bondage of Europe and created a new America; and of the emergence of a new nationalism with a full-blown American consciousness. It is only recently — Mr. Calverton diagnoses the situation — that American literature has been able to liberate itself from "the colonial complex" and "the petty bourgeois censor," and it has as yet failed to discover a new tradition and a new faith. The results are pessimism and chaos. The author's prediction is that "the liberation from that pessimism and chaos can only follow when that new tradition and faith are found.'

Van Loon's Geography [2283.130], like his well-known "Story of Mankind," was written for children, but in a way that grown-ups may learn a good deal from it. The simplicity of Mr. Van Loon's language is perhaps overdone, but unquestionably he has genuine humor, and for the sake of his real insight and sound knowledge one is inclined to overlook some of his artificiality. And perhaps children do not think him artificial. What is to be hoped is that, together with the pleasant playfulness, they may get also a full measure of the intelligence which informs these pages. A brilliant first chapter, which gives a bird's-eye-view of mankind, ends with this sentence: "We are all of us fellowpassengers on the same planet and we are all of us equally responsible for the

happiness and well-being of the world in which we happen to live." Something of this sentiment winds itself through every page. Further, Mr. Van Loon's style, whenever he wants it, has the gifts of lucidity and happy expression. In his Geography he can sum up in two or three pages not only the physical features but the entire history of a country. And his drawings, of which there are one hundred and fifty, are really amusing. From dry and unimaginative maps and charts he has made a gallery of pictures, surprising in their immense variety and - emotional quality.

"The two facts of outstanding importance," Sidney Dark begins a chapter in his biography of Robert Louis Stevenson [4549.195], "are that he was a Scotsman, and that he was a sick man from his boyhood." This theme recurs throughout the book, which is written in an easy, somewhat rambling style, with quotations of conversations and excerpts from letters. Being a Scotsman with Stevenson meant that he was not an Englishman, and that, in spite of his deviation from the strict creed and his dislike of philistine respectability, he remained always at heart a Covenanter. "A deal of Ariel," his friend W. E. Henley described him in verse, "just a streak of Puck . . . and something of the Shorter-Catechist." Stevenson's ill health made him constantly aware of the nearness of death, which he faced as "an awfully fine adventure.'

Luther and the Reformation in the Light of Modern Research [5557.118], by the late German church historian Heinrich Boehmer, offers a critical estimate of the immense amount of contradictory material that has piled up through the centuries about the reformer. "The Luther literature is now so comprehensive, with its two and a half thousand books and booklets, that it forms a whole little library in itself," the author writes. The interpretations range from one extreme to another. Luther was "a prophet of God or son of the Devil; a Father of the Church or

a godless heretic; the ideal of a true evangelical teacher or a great criminal; a genius of the most significant kind or a feeble-minded degenerate," and so on. These contrasting views were produced not by the opposition of Catholic and Protestant historians, but by the changing background of thought in the successive periods in which the historians lived. The tone of the present book is controversial, yet moderate. The author regards Luther as "a genius in the classical sense of the word."

In New Minds: New Men? Thomas Woody, author of several histories of education, offers an interesting and informative study of "the emergence of the Soviet citizen." Mr. Woody has visited more than five hundred schools in Russia and has gained a detailed knowledge of the school system there. The most conspicuous element in Russian education is the complete reversal of the bourgeois ethics, all theoretical teaching and practical student activity being centered on Communist propaganda, collectivism and "socially useful work." Religious freedom as well as liberty to preach against religion are officially recognized in Russia, but religious organizations are not allowed legal or property rights and are forbidden to do welfare work. The "new mind," which the Soviet tries to create, must be secular, atheistic and materialistic. It must be also political, collectivist, international, and a number of other things.

Addresses and articles by the late Frederick Gordon Bonser, Professor of Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, have been collected in a volume entitled *Life Needs and Education* [3599.894]. The book conveys in clear and appealing terms Dr. Bonser's fundamental position. By "progressive" education he meant the guidance of pupils by teachers who have both training and initiative, and especially the teaching of subjects ap-

plied to the pupil's life. He thought that secondary education is desirable for every normal child, because even those adolescents who lack ability in the usual academic subjects, are intelligent in other lines. He emphasized the value of the teaching of industrial arts.

"The following pages constitute a few observations on some of the fundamental categories of metaphysics." Francis S. Haserot begins the Preface to his work, Essays on the Logic of Being [3604.182]. The "few observations" extend to some sixty essays, dealing with a great variety of subjects. The first half of the book is devoted to the explanation of logical terms, and the second to the study of values. author has shown great skill in the arrangement of his material. Beginning with language as a condition for communication, he points out the distinction between words which lack content, though they serve as stimuli for responses, and those which, like numbers or any universally valid term, convey meaning accurately. He then defines logical activity in its various forms. An examination of error, which is inherent in any contradiction, leads to a study of "the universal," that is, the form or nature of a thing which exists apart from the particular thing. It is the understanding of universals that makes possible the further and more extended investigations of the various logical relations, the nature of spacetime, the data for science and its artificial constructions. The examination of values — the values of pleasure, of pain, of the aesthetic sense, and of the intellect — includes the problems of the definability, the cognition, and the judgments of value. The final chapters give an analysis of the emotions and discuss their relation to the intellect . . . Essays on the Logic of Being is a remarkable book. Without any attempt at appraisal, one cannot help noting the lucidity of its exposition and the authoritative quality of its tone.

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# Library Notes

The biography of the late Senator Beveridge, by Claude G. Bowers, contains many anecdotes about the personal habits and working methods of the man. Before delivering his addresses, Beveridge usually showed them to one or two intimate friends, asking for their criticisms. This dependence upon the advice of friends remained with him also in later years when, retired from active political life, he was writing the biographies of John Marshall and Abraham Lincoln. Every chapter upon its completion he submitted to a specialist on the subject. The many marginal notes which he found on the examined manuscripts first surprised him, but, seeing his mistakes, he was eager to profit by the corrections. After the purchase of a house at Beverly Farms, where the former Indiana Senator finally settled, this friendly cooperation with scholars grew even more intensive. Mr. Bowers especially mentions three men with whom Beveridge was in steady contact and for whom he felt a deep affection.

"At the Boston Public Library he found," the author writes, "Lindsay Swift the best of friends, because the most ruthless of critics. Some of the scholars were tender of his sensibilities; Swift was not. Whenever he found flaws, he pointed them out without apology, and almost invariably he was right. But his was the ruthlessness of a scholar's friendship, and Beveridge came to love him for his uncompromis-

ing fidelity to facts."

Lindsay Swift, who died in 1921, was a member of the staff of the Boston Public Library for over forty-three years, for the last twenty-five as Editor of Publications.

The late Professor Edward Channing, of Harvard, is the second scholar

mentioned by Mr. Bowers. "The effervescent Mid-Westerner, bubbling with enthusiasm and high spirits, and bursting at times, with boisterous merriment into the orderly serenity of Channing's office, must have been alarming at first. But the very intensity, sincerity, and tireless energy of the disciple came to appeal to Channing, who continued, through the life of Beveridge, to be one of his most trusted councillors."

The third scholar was Mr. Worthington C. Ford, until recently Editor of Publications at the Massachusetts Historical Society, and formerly of the Library of Congress and of the Boston

Public Library.

"Believing him to be one of the soundest historical scholars in America," Mr. Bowers continues, "Beveridge came to lean more and more upon his judgment. To him he went frequently with his tangles, and seldom without relief. To him went the major part of the manuscript as it was completed, for his criticism; and while he was more tender with the sensibilities of the author than Swift, he was invaluable in advice. The charm of his personality, the soundness of his judgment, his quiet humor, soon converted a professional relationship into one of intimate personal friendship, and Beveridge never was happier than when he could relax for an evening in his company."

Quoting from Mark Twain's Autobiography, Mr. V. F. Calverton writes in his excellent work, The Liberation of American Literature:

"Because its hero lied and swore, Huckleberry Finn was forbidden in the public library of Concord, Mass., when it was first published. Sixteen years after its appearance, it was ejected

from the Denver library, and barely escaped a similar fate in the Brooklyn Public Library as late as 1905."

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A Bibliography of Robert Boyle, by John F. Fulton, Sterling Professor of Physiology at Yale, is a model work of its kind. Through a period of eight years Professor Fulton has been carrying on research on his subject, examining the catalogues of the large European libraries as well as those of more than two hundred booksellers. It has been a labor of love, which manifests itself on every page of the book.

The descriptions of the items aim at great exactness — not an easy task to achieve, especially with an author like Robert Boyle. Professor Fulton assures us that one could not have chosen a more difficult seventeenth-century scientist for bibliographical

study:

"In various places Boyle tells us unblushingly," he writes, "that he has been prevented from reading his proofsheets — by his eyes, his renal stone and, on one occasion, the indisposition of his relations! In nearly every preface he offers a new and original excuse for having lost part of his material, for not having revised the MS., or for failing to refer to contemporary literature. Not only does he apologize for the state of the MS., but his printers and translators usually emphatically support, in their 'Advertisements,' any modest excuse which the author makes in his preface. The supreme instance of the misfortunes which befell his papers is that related in the rare 'Advertisement' on 'The loss of his Writings' in which he tells us how his papers were filed away in a large case on the top of which stood an enormous pot of vitriol; the pot, most unhappily, was broken, and before the liquid could be mopped up it had penetrated the inner recesses of his cabinet, and all his protocols, notes, and finished papers were thus destroyed."

Boyle was utterly careless in preparing his works for press, and not infrequently he completely upset the process of printing by inserting new leaves and cancelling others. Professor Fulton conscientiously "anatomizes" each book, thus tracing with great patience the various phases of its printing.

However, bare bibliography is not enough. Professor Fulton, convinced of the need of humanizing bibliography—a subject upon which he discoursed recently in his Annual Oration at the Boston Medical Library—has at-

tempted something else.

"Bibliography is indeed an all-absorbing occupation," he writes, "but its devotee is frequently face to face with those who fail to understand the source of his enjoyment. A mere list of bibliographical idiosyncrasies with mistaken signatures, pagination, and gatherings, has little appeal to any one not a collector of books; and however much a bibliographer may pride himself on 'purity' he has difficulty in justifying his existence if he fails to make himself useful to those not pursuing his specialized field. He must reveal something more than the mechanics of bookmaking. He can endeavour to assess the importance of a book; he may say how the author came to write it, or investigate the influence which it exerted upon his contemporaries. With Boyle one can sometimes deal with these and related questions, and I have attempted to do so in the preliminary notes concerning each of his separate works,"

These preliminary notes, running from a few paragraphs to several pages, give a special value to Professor Fulton's admirable work.

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The Boston Public Library possesses a number of works by Robert Boyle in original editions. It has, among others, Certain Physiological Essays, 1661; The Saltness of the Sea, 1674; Hidden Qualities of the Air, 1674; Experimenta et Observationes Physicae, 1691; The General History of the Air, 1692; Natural History of a Country, 1692. There are, besides, in the Library copies of the second or third

editions of several other works by Boyle, such as The Style of the Scriptures, 1675; Occasional Reflections, 1669; Languid and Unheeded Motion, 1690, as as well as editions of the Collected Works.

Some of these books were acquired by purchase, others by gift. One of them, *The General History of the Air*, was given to the Library by Wendell Phillips.

Wind and Water [\*8147.07–102] by Manfred Curry is a folio volume of remarkable photographs. In an introductory essay the author gives a scientific explanation of the causes and formations of waves and wind, and describes briefly also the rigging on the different kinds of yachts. The 120 plates were chosen from more than ten thousand original photographs, the work of numerous photographers. These plates show some striking effects of gigantic surf, romantic clouds, Swiss, Italian and Bavarian lakes, and many fully rigged yachts.

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Source Records of the Great Events of the Post War Period [\*2305.168] is a collection of addresses, manifestos and articles compiled by a staff of specialists with Professor Charles F. Horne as Editor-in-Chief and Walter F. Austin as Directing Editor. Following the plan of "The Great Events of the Great War" compiled by the same editors, these four volumes give, in a convenient form, the different points of view regarding the major political and economic movements between 1919 and 1031.

"Each volume," the editors describe their plan, "opens with a simple, easily readable narrative covering the world's history for the two or three years included in the volume. In this brief narrative each 'Great Event' is named and explained clearly in its relation to the World's general history. Then, in the body of the volume, each of these . . . Great Events is taken up separately."

To mention a few examples, the "great events" include the passing of the Volstead Act and the establishment of woman suffrage in the United States, the opening of the League of Nations, the revolution led by Sun Yat-sen in China, the restoration of Palestine to the Jews, Hindenburg's election to the presidency of the German Republic, the Tacna-Arica controversy between Chile and Peru, etc. Such non-political events as Lindbergh's ocean flight and Einstein's theory of relativity are also included. Among the numerous historians represented in the work are Charles A. Beard, Arnold J. Toynbee, C. A. Macartney, Ernst Jackh, and Albert Bushnell Hart. There are addresses and public documents by Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald, Mussolini, Lenin, Raymond Poincaré, Count Károlyi, President Calles of Mexico, and many others.

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The First Sixty Years of the Milton Public Library, 1870-1931 [\*6207.22] by Nathaniel Thayer Kidder gives a good idea of the creation and history of a representative town library in Massachusetts. The book is an attractively printed little volume, designed by Mr. William Dana Orcutt, and illustrated with numerous photographs of the Milton library and its branch buildings. The frontispiece shows a leaf of a "Catalogue of Books, belonging to the subscribers at Milton and Dorchester," printed about 1780. The chapters on the early libraries of the town, the Social Library, and the Ladies' Circulating Library make entertaining reading. The first steps toward the founding of the public library of Milton were taken at a town meeting in 1869, and in 1871 the library was open for use.

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# First Editions of Milton



N this issue More Books begins the publication of a series of articles on first and rare editions of English authors, mainly of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The present article on the first editions of Milton's works will be followed by others on the bibliography of Dryden, Pope, Congreve, and the great prose-writers of the period.

Library's wealth in rare editions of the Elizabethan poets and dramatists is commonly known, and the works of the nineteenth-century authors have also received considerable attention. The literature of the one hundred and fifty years stretching from the Restoration to the Romantic Movement, however, has remained in the background. One must admit that the English literature of this period is not the strongest point of the Library's rare books department, yet some of the authors are remarkably well represented. The acquisition of Professor Trent's Defoe library two years ago, perhaps the most complete Defoe collection that exists, has certainly strengthened the Library's possessions in this field. But, the purpose of these articles is not a showing-off of the Library's treasures, but a frank appraisal of its resources. The books which the Library already has will be described with great pleasure; and those which it lacks will be pointed out — with the keen hope that some day perhaps it will be possible to acquire them.

Simultaneously with the appearance of the articles, the volumes will be placed on exhibition in the Treasure Room.

The first editions of Milton's works are the subject of this first article, though Milton really belongs to the Elizabethans, as the last and greatest among them, with the exception of Shakespeare. But, historically at least, Milton stands between two ages. Puritanism had changed the English mind, and those who were not affected by the Bible were affected by the new science. It was in vain that the Restoration tried to bring back the past; the Restoration had to be the starting-point of a new age. Milton's life included both, as it almost spanned the time from Elizabeth to the Revolution. So it is convenient to start with his monumental figure that casts its shadow across the succeeding century. For, contrary to common notion, Milton was not forgotten during the eighteenth century. Between 1705 and 1800 more than a hundred editions of Paradise Lost were published in Great Britain.

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The bibliography of Milton's works consists of about forty titles, five or six of which are well-known to most people interested in rare books. A discussion of the first editions of his works should perhaps begin with these few items. Any one familiar with Miltoniana would naturally inquire about a copy of Connus and, next, of Lycidas; he would be enthusiastic over the Poems and Paradise Lost, for, though these are not so exceedingly rare as the two others, who would not be happy to see the book which contains the first printing of "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso," or the volume which first gave tangible body to one of the mightiest epics in the literature of the world? The rare book hunter would probably be less excited about the prose-works, but he would be curious enough to ask whether the Library has a copy of the Areopagitica or The Tenure of Kings?

These questions are natural enough, and they will be duly answered. It is thought, however, that a chronological arrangement will give a more comprehensive view of Milton's works than a haphazard dealing with the most outstanding items.

Milton's first appearance in print was, or may have been, with a fly-sheet of Latin verses published in June, 1628, at Cambridge. No copy of the paper exists, and the only source of information about it is a reference to it in one of Milton's Latin letters.

A far more important item, both intrinsically and as the earliest extant printed work of the poet, is Milton's poem on Shakespeare, beginning "What neede my Shakespeare for his honour'd bones ..." The poem, consisting of sixteen lines, and entitled "An Epitaph on the Admirable Dramaticke Poet, W. Shakespeare," first appeared in 1632, in the second folio edition of Shakespeare's Works. It is anonymous and one would perhaps never have known its authorship had it not been included in Milton's Poems, first published in 1645. Meanwhile, the poem was reprinted in Shakespeare's Poems in 1640, signed with the initials "I. M." There are several variations in the text as it appeared in 1640. In line 6 we find weake for dull; in 1. 8, live-long for lasting;

in 1. 10 part was corrected to heart; and finally in 1. 13 her selfe was changed to our selfe. In his own Poems, Milton placed the date "1630" after the title. The text there is identical with the earlier one, except that in 1. 1 neede was changed to needs and in 1. 13 our selfe to it self.

The Library has two copies of Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Historics, and Tragedies, London, 1632. We have also a copy of Shakespeare's Poems. On the fly-leaf of the little volume one may read the note by Thomas P. Barton, written in February 1840: "This edition is spurious, and on that account is of but little intrinsic value. It is very rare, however, and commands a high price. There is no copy of it in the British Museum." Whether the British Museum has now a copy or not, is not known to the present writer.

Speaking of Milton's poem on Shakespeare, one may perhaps turn to the longer poem that appeared in the second folio edition of Shakespeare's Works and was signed as "The friendly admirer of his Endowments, I. M. S." It has been suggested that this poem, too, was written by Milton and that the initials stand for "John Milton, Student." Curiously enough, the question of the authorship of this poem has never been sufficiently investigated.

Comus, printed in London in 1637, was Milton's first independent publication. The original title is A Maske Presented at Ludlow Castle, 1634; the present title was first used in the stage version of 1737, and from then on it was adopted for all the printed editions. As someone remarked, it would have greatly displeased Milton to have his play named after its villain; he undoubtedly would have preferred to call it "The Triumphe of Virtue." The occasion for the writing and the production of Comus was the celebration of the entry of the Earl of Bridgewater upon the Presidency of Wales. Milton, who was then in his twenty-sixth year and lived in his father's house at Horton near London, undertook the writing of the mask at the request of his friend Henry Lawes, the musician. It is unlikely that he himself saw the performance. Henry Lawes was also responsible for the printing of the work. As he wrote in his dedication to Viscount Brackley, elder son of the Earl of Bridgewater: "Although not openly acknowledg'd by the Author, yet it is a legitimate offspring, so lovely and so much desir'd that the often copying of it hath tir'd my pen to give my severall friends satisfaction, and brought to me a necessitie of producing it to the publick view." There are few copies of the original edition. In 1918 Henry E. Huntington sold a copy for \$9,200, which was resold in the following year for \$14,250.

With the publication of his *Poems* in 1645, Milton abandoned his anonymity regarding *Comus*. Following the shorter poems, and with a separate title-page, the mask is included in the volume.

Lycidas first appeared as Milton's contribution to a memorial volume published in Cambridge in 1638 for Edward King, a former college mate of his, who was drowned by shipwreck in the Irish Sea in the summer of 1637. The volume consists of two collections of pieces: the first comprises twenty-three poems in Latin and Greek with the title Justa Edwardo King naufrago, and the second, thirteen poems in English with the title Obsequies to the memoric of Mr. Edward King. The last piece in the English section — and also the longest, occupying six pages — is Milton's Lycidas. It is signed "J. M." and has

no title. The volume, sixty pages in all, is very rare. Next to Comus, it is the most precious Milton item.

This is perhaps the place to state that the Library, unfortunately, has no original copies of either Comus or Lycidas.

The Latin verses on the lost fly-sheet, the epitaph on Shakespeare, Comus and Lycidas were the only works of Milton which were published before his Poems appeared in 1645, printed by Ruth Raworth for Humphrey Moseley in London. It is a small octavo volume, in two parts, each part with separate pagination. The full title reads Poems of Mr. John Milton both English and Latin, Compos'd at several times. Facing the title-page is an engraved portrait of Milton, copied by William Marshall from a painting made in the twentyfirst year of the poet. The portrait is in an oval frame, with window curtains drawn and a country scene in the background. In the corners of the rectangle surrounding the oval are the figures of the muses Melpomene, Erato, Urania and Clio. The engraver did little justice to the famous beauty of the poet, "the Lady of Christ's" as Milton was teasingly called at Cambridge. "The face," to use the words of David Masson, author of the great six-volume biography of Milton, "is that of a grim, gaunt stolid gentleman of middle age, looking like anybody or nobody." In revenge for the ugliness of the portrait, Milton persuaded Marshall to put under it these lines in Greek:

Unskilled the hand that such a print could trace Quickly you'll say who see the man's true face; Friends, if for whom it stands you ne'er had dreamt, Laugh at the wretched artist's poor attempt.

The unsuspecting engraver's signature "W. M. sculpt." is right under the fourth line.

Moscley, the publisher, had high expectations regarding the *Poems*. "It is not any private respect of gain. Gentle Reader." he wrote in his preface, "... but it is the love I have to our own Language that hath made me diligent to collect, and set forth such Peeces both in Prose and Vers, as may renew the wonted honour and esteem of our English tongue: and it's the worth of these both English and Latin Poems, not the flourish of any prefixed encomiums that can invite thee to buy them ..." And finally this proud boast: "Let the event guide itself which way it will, I shall deserve of the age by bringing into the Light as true a Birth as the Muses have brought forth since our famous Spencer wrote; whose Poems in these English ones are as rarely imitated, as sweetly excell'd."

The volume contains all the poems written by Milton up to the date of its publication, with the exception of "On the Death of a Fair Infant" and "At a Vacation Exercise in the College," both of which were included in the second edition of the *Poems*, published in 1673. The book opens with the magnificent ode "On the morning of Christ's Nativity," composed in 1629. Still earlier poems and paraphrases of Psalms follow, and then one arrives at the companion pieces "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso." Of the twenty-three sonnets that Milton wrote ten appeared in the first edition of the *Poems*. After "Arcades," which is described as "part of an entertainment presented to the Countess Dowager of Darby at Harefield," come the immortal lines of "Ly-

# POEMS

OF

Mr. John Milton,

BOTH

ENGLISH and LATIN, Compos'd at several times.

Printed by his true Copies.

The Songs were set in Musick by Mr. HENRY LAWES Gentleman of the KINGS Chappel, and one of His Maiesties

Private Musick.

Baccare frontem
Cingite, ne vati noceat mala lingua future;
Virgile Eclog. 7.

Printed and publish d according to ORDER.

LONDON.

Printed by Ruth Raworth for Humphrey Mofeleys and are to be fold at the figure of the Princes
Arms in Pauls Church-yard. 1645

FACSIMILE MADE FROM THE ORIGINAL IN THE SOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

IN ORIGINAL SIZE

cidas," beginning "Yet once more, O ye Laurels, and once more . . ." The poem occupies nine pages. Comus has a separate title-page that reads A Mask of the same Author Presented at Ludlow-Castle, 1634, before the Earl of Bridgewater then President of Wales. After Henry Lawes's address to Viscount Brackley, a letter written by Sir Henry Wotton to Milton on April 3, 1638, is inserted. "I should much commend the Tragical part," this first critic of Milton wrote, "if the Lyrical did not ravish me with a certain Dorique delicacy in your Songs and Odes, whereunto I must plainly confess to have seen yet nothing parallel in our Language." In spite of the break caused by the separate title-page for Comus, the paging of the English poems runs through to p. 120.

The Latin poems, all published for the first time, follow as a separate collection, filling 87 additional pages, with the title *Joannis Miltoni Londoniensis Poemata*. Seven elegies forming an "Elegiarum Liber," ten pieces grouped as "Sylvarum Liber," various epigrams, and the pastoral monody "Epitaphium Damonis" make up the volume. A large number of these Latin poems were written in the seventeenth year of the poet, and all before he had finished his twentieth. The "Epitaphium Damonis," the Latin counterpart of "Lycidas." was the only exception. This poem was composed in 1640, on Milton's return from Italy, in memory of his close friend Charles Diodati, who died in London in August 1638. In the "Epitaphium" the poet already announced his intention to write his future works in English. To quote from Cowper's translation of the poem:

Adieu my shepherd's reed! yon pine-tree bough Shall be thy future home; there dangle thou Forgotten and disused, unless ere long Thou change thy Latian for a British song . . .

The *Poems of Mr. John Milton* is rare, and perfect copies sell for considerable prices. A copy in 1930 realized \$1,650, but another in 1928 — without the portrait! — sold for \$25.

The Library has two copies of the book. The first belongs to the Barton Collection; its pages are trimmed, yet the page-numbers are spared excepting on one leaf; the portrait, which is laid in, is intact. The volume is finely bound in brown morocco. The other copy, which once belonged to Theodore Parker, is larger, with uncut pages. The last line of the imprint reads "Arms in S. Pauls Church-yard. 1645." instead of "Arms in Pauls Church-yard. 1645." as in most copies. This makes the volume a rarity. Besides, the contents are differently arranged, the Latin poems preceding the English ones. The portrait, unfortunately, is missing. The binding is old, perhaps contemporary.

#### II

The "Epitaphium Damonis" was Milton's last great poem, before he plunged into politics and religious warfare which cost him nearly twenty years.

After a year and three months mainly spent in Italy, Milton returned to England in July, 1639. He made his home in London, taking lodgings in St. Bride's Church-yard. He was searching for a theme for a great poem,

and began to make drafts for *Paradise Lost* — when he was drawn into controversy. From his thirty-third year to his fiftieth, Milton's whole poetical production consisted of a little more than a dozen sonnets; on the other hand, he composed during that time about twenty pamphlets, besides a large number of state papers for the Commonwealth.

His first pamphlet, Of Reformation touching Church-Discipline in England, grew out of the excitement that arose from the presentation of the so-called "Root-and-Branch Bill" in Parliament, requesting "the utter abolishing and taking away of all Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, Prebendaries, Chanters, Canons, and all of their under-officers." At the request of Archbishop Laud, Bishop Hall wrote a Humble Remonstrance against the petition, which in turn was answered by five Puritan ministers, writing under the name "Smectymnuus," a word coined from their initials. It was at this point that Milton decided to help the Puritans, who were obviously inferior to the Prelates in learning. His pamphlet appeared in June 1641. Why, the author asked, was the Reformation arrested in England? The progress of the Reformation was hindered, he answered, because of the influence of three classes of persons: the Antiquitarians, who defend prelacy because it is ancient; the Libertines, who detest in their hearts any church-discipline; and the Politicians, who regard episcopacy more consistent with monarchy. This first pamphlet was soon followed by another, entitled *Prelatical Episcopacy*, an answer to Archbishop Usher's tract, The Apostolical Institution of Episcopacy. In this Milton attempted to answer step by step, citation by citation, one of the chief Antiquitarians. "And thus much may suffice to shew," his pamphlet triumphantly ends, "that the pretended Episcopacy cannot be deduc't from the Apostolical times." In the meantime Bishop Hall published a new tract, a Defence of his Humble Remonstrance, which Milton, who now tasted blood, could not leave unrefuted. He called his pamphlet, in the true style of the period, Animadversions upon the Remonstrants' Defence. It is written in the form of a dialogue between the Remonstrant and the Puritans.

The Library has the two tracts of Bishop Hall as well as the answer by Smectymnuus, but none of the three first pamphlets of Milton.

Still in 1641 Milton published a fourth pamphlet, for the first time under his own name. The Reason of Church-government Urg'd against Prelaty is a vindication of the Presbyterian system. But the chief interest of the volume lies in the autobiographical information which it contains. In the preface to the second part Milton gave a sketch of his life and set forth his reasons for leaving poetry for prose. "I should not choose this manner of writing," he wrote, "wherein knowing myself inferior to myself, I have the use but of my left hand." But he had to interrupt the pursuit of his literary hopes and "leave a calm and pleasing solitariness fed with cheerful and confident thoughts, to imbark in a troubl'd sea of noises and hoarse disputes," for, as he added, "it were sad for me if I should draw back, now when all men offer their aid to help ease and lighten the difficult labours of the Church."

He could not draw back now. Under the title A Modest Confutation Bishop Hall published a scurrilous answer to the Animadversions, calling

Milton all sorts of bad names, among them, "a carping poetaster." By an extraordinary license of his imagination, the Bishop described his Puritan adversary as one who had spent his youth in loitering and harloting. "Where his morning haunts are, I wist not," he wrote with an air of conviction, "but he who would find him after dinner must search the playhouses and the bordelli, for there I have traced him." Milton took up the gauntlet and in his Apology he answered Hall in his own language. He called the Bishop "a rude scavenger" and "an unfaithful spy of Canaan." Then he made an eloquent defence of his own character, describing with high seriousness his habits of life.

Of these last two pamphlets of Milton the Library has only the first.

Happily, the religious controversy here stopped. These five pamphlets show Milton's theological learning, his power as a debater, and his ability as a writer of forceful prose. There are beautiful passages in them, some of which are regarded as the finest specimens of English prose; however, their larger portion, as in all the theological treatises of the period, is cumbersome and involved. The high idealism of the author shines through the rawest paragraphs, but this does not make them interesting reading.

In the spring of 1643 Milton married Mary Powell, the seventeen-yearold daughter of Richard Powell, a Royalist and a Cavalier. How happy the young couple was may be judged from the fact that Milton while still on his honeymoon began to write a disquisition on divorce, The Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce, in which he tried to prove by Scriptural texts that incompatibility was a greater cause for divorce than any other reason. "The soberest and best-governed men," he wrote, "are least practised in these affairs; and who knows not that the bashful muteness of a virgin may oftentimes hide all the unliveliness and natural sloth which is really unfit for conversation." The sober man, he thought, was greatly at a disadvantage, since "they who have lived most loosely, by reason of their bold accustoming, prove most successful in their matches, because their wild affections unsettling at will, have been as so many divorces to teach them experience." His wife was away, visiting her parents, when the book appeared; and one may little wonder that she refused to return to her husband. The treatise was attacked at once from many quarters. Milton, incensed by the abuse and ridicule, reissued it in the following year, now in the form of a petition to Parliament. original edition appeared anonymously; the second was signed.

Meanwhile Milton discovered that Martin Bucer, the German Protestant reformer whom King Edward VI had in 1549 invited to Cambridge as Professor of Divinity, had expressed in his Dc Regno Christi ad Edw. VI. views about divorce very similar to his own. These were an additional support of his contentions; so he dashed off a second tract entitled The Judgment of Martin Buccr concerning Divorce. Still unsatisfied, in the following year, on the same day he published two more pamphlets: the Tetrachordon, which was an exposition of the four chief places in the Scriptures which treat of marriage; and the Colasterion, in which he chastised his opponents, Herbert Palmer, Daniel Featley, William Prynne and others. Milton was winning his point. In the absence of his wife, at any rate, he found consolation in the company of

Lady Margaret Ley, an accomplished woman, much older than himself. And he was thinking of marrying a certain Miss Davis, to whom he addressed his sonnet beginning "Lady that in the prime of earliest youth . . ." Then it happened that in a friend's house he met his unhappy wife. She begged him to take her back, which Milton, much moved, did. After this, he wrote no more treatises on divorce.

The Library has only one of these tracts, the *Tetrachordon*. It has, however, some of the opposing tracts such as Daniel Featley's *The Dippers dipt* and Herbert Palmer's *The Glasse of Gods Providence*.

Two other pamphlets date from 1644, one is the rarest and the other is the most precious of all of Milton's prose-writings. His tract On Education consists of eight pages only. The book has slight intrinsic value, vet because of its rarity it fetches very high prices. But the noblest essay Milton ever wrote was the Arcopagitica, "A Speech of Mr. John Milton for the Liberty of Unlicenc'd Printing, To the Parliament of England." The work was a byproduct of the controversy on marriage. Milton's first divorce tract was not only anonymous, but also unregistered, and the Company of Stationers petitioned Parliament to call him to account. The Arcopagitica was the author's vindication: "On the subject of the liberation of the press, so that the judgment of the true and the false, what should be published and what suppressed, should not be in the hands of a few men, and these mostly unlearned and of common capacity — an agency through which no one almost can or will send into the light anything that is above the vulgar taste — on this subject I wrote my Areopagitica." The work is a splendid advocacy of the freedom of thought. There is this famous passage in it, shortly after the beginning:

"For books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active as that soul was whose progeny they are; nay, they do preserve as in a vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them. I know they are as lively, and as vigorously productive, as those fabulous dragon's teeth: and being sown up and down, may chance to spring up armed men. And yet, on the other hand, unless wariness be used, as good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book, kills reason itself, kills the image of God, as it were, in the eye. Many a man lives a burden to the earth; but a good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life . . ."

It was unfortunate, indeed, that six years later Milton himself became a censor. During the whole of the year 1651, he acted as an official Licenser or Censor of the Press.

A good copy of the *Areopagitica* sells for as much as \$500. That the Library does not possess an original edition of the tract is not only a gap in its Miltoniana, but a serious lack for the whole institution.

#### III

For the next four years Milton enjoyed a peaceful enough life. To be sure, he fell into irremediable conflict with the Presbyterians, who condemned

him for his views on marriage. With his sonnet "On the new Forcers of Conscience" he definitely broke away from his former allies. "New Presbyter is but old Priest writ large," he wrote. Milton was now an Independent like Cromwell and the larger part of the Army. But he tried to devote himself again to literature, collecting material for a history of England.

Then the second Civil War began, which, in January 1649, led to the execution of the King. Milton, a Republican at heart for several years past, sprang to the defence of the Commonwealth. Two weeks after Charles's execution appeared his pamphlet, written mainly while the King was being tried, The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates, proving, as the title-page tells, "that it is lawful and has been held so through all ages, for any who have the Power, to call to account a Tyrant or wicked King, and after due conviction, to depose, and to put him to death, if the ordinary Magistrates have neglected or deny'd to do it." The tract naturally drew the attention of the new Government to him at once. A month after its publication, without any seeking of his, the Council of State appointed him Secretary for Foreign Tongues.

Four days earlier than The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates there appeared the Eikou Basilike (The King's Image), by its subtitle "The Portraicture of His Sacred Maiestie in his Solitudes and Sufferings," written probably by Dr. Gauden, afterwards Bishop of Exeter. The book, which was thought to be the King's memoirs, was read with immense interest. Within a year it went through fifty editions, besides the Latin and French translations which Charles II had ordered. It was in answer to this book that in October 1649 Milton published his Eikonoklastes (The Image-Breaker), written at the request of the Council of State, and an even fiercer exposition of the Republican standpoint than his earlier pamphlet. The work was only once republished, so it cannot be said that it had anything like the popularity of the Eikou Basilike. But through one exposure at least Milton's book was most galling to the Royalists. Every chapter in the Eikou Basilike ends with a devout prayer of the "Martyr King"; besides, at the end of the volume are the "Prayers used by His Majestie in the time of His Sufferings," prayers which the King was supposed to have given to Doctor Juxon, Bishop of London, immediately before his death. Milton discovered that one of the King's prayers was plagiarised from Sir Philip Sidney's Arcadia, where it was a part recited by the afflicted Pamela.

The Library has original copies of both pamphlets by Milton as well as of the Eikon Basilike.

The Royalists now engaged Claude de Saumaise — Salmasius — one of the most celebrated scholars of Europe, and at that time a professor at Leyden, to write a book against the Commonwealth. His Defensio Regia pro Carolo I, dedicated to Charles II, was published by the Elzevirs in November 1649. "The horrible news recently smote our ears with dreadful wound, but our minds more, of the parricide committed among the English in the person of their King by a nefarious conspiracy of sacrilegious men," the first sentence of the book, and a fair sample of its style, reads. The author voiced his fear lest the execution of the King in England might become a precedent for the coming age. "Worthy of the hatred and invectives of all are those who did it," he cried, "and most worthy moreover to be pursued with fire and sword, not only

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And that they, who of late, so much blame Deposing, are the Men that did it themselves.

The Author; J. Meiden.

LONDON,

Printed by Matthew Simmons, at the Gilded Lyon in Aldersgate Street, 1849.

by all Kings and princes in Europe ruling by royal right, but also by all magistrates and all rightly constituted Republics." The book, 468 pages long, consists of twelve chapters, but only its second half deals specifically with England. The last two chapters discuss the actual trial of the King, fastening the responsibility for his execution on the Independents. The work, written in Latin, could not do much harm in England; it was calculated rather to intensify the foreign hostility against the Commonwealth.

Milton was again asked to answer the great Salmasius. His Defensio pro Populo Anglicano was ready for the printer by the middle of 1650. The book, printed by William Dugard in London, appeared in the same format as Salmasius's work, and it occupied 244 pages. In it Milton followed Salmasius chapter by chapter, meeting argument with argument; but it was not his purpose to restrict the discussion to facts and spare the French scholar's feelings. He called his antagonist "a fool," "a blockhead," "an idiot," "a vagabond," "a slave," to quote a few of his epithets. And for the sake of greater emphasis he dragged into the controversy Madame Salmasius, as the one who was responsible for her husband's Royalist policies. The book, through its learning and excellent Latin style, created a great sensation among the scholars of the Continent. "I had expected nothing of such quality from an Englishman," one of them wrote. But what delighted most these savants, men like Vossius and Heinsius, was the inexhaustible stream of insults hurled against their rival Salmasius. They were tremendously interested as to who "that English mastiff," John Milton, was. Milton became suddenly famous all over Europe. At home the Council of State expressed to him its solemn thanks.

But through the writing of the book, and the enormous reading which its preparation required, the poet lost his eye-sight. He was warned by his physician in time, but he continued working. By the middle of 1652 he became totally blind.

Salmasius, who receiving Milton's book "stormed and fumed, and threatened to send the author and the whole Parliament to perdition," kept his silence. But accusations against the regicides were appearing frequently. The Pro Rege et Populo Anglicano Apologia, an otherwise silly pamphlet, was anonymously published at Antwerp in 1651. In the next year appeared the likewise anonymous Regii Sanguinis Clamor (The Cry of the Royal Blood). The latter work, attributed to Alexander Morus, a friend of Salmasius and formerly a Professor of Greek at Geneva, was especially vile. It called Milton in the phrase that Virgil used about Polyphemus - "that monster, hideous, ugly, huge, bereft of sight"; it also called him "a fiendish gallows-bird" and "the hangman" who advised the execution of the King. Milton, ill, had to wait with his answer, which he finally published in May 1654 under the title Defensio Secunda. It is a merciless onslaught on both Salmasius, who died in the meantime, and on Morus, who was largely innocent in the affair, for the real author of the Regii Sanguinis Clamor was a certain Peter Du Moulin. Morus protested against what he called calumnies. "I should be angry with you to a greater degree than I am, you most foolish Milton," he wrote in his Fides Publica, in which he printed a number of testimonies from well-known

scholars as to the integrity of his own character. Of course, his book was not free from counter-attacks. Milton's rejoinder, *Pro Se Defensio*, a work of 211 pages, followed in August 1655. It not only reiterated, but even added to the charges against Morus, whose affair with a certain Claudia at Geneva and with Madame Salmasius's maidservant, Bontia, at Leyden Milton unfolded with relentless industry chapter after chapter. For, according to him, Morus was guilty, if not of writing, at least of editing the offensive book. Both of these pamphlets of Milton, though in parts incredibly crude in tone, have great autobiographical value, since in vindication of his character he told in them much of his own life.

The Library has original copies of each of the works that have just been described.

For four years after the publication of his Pro Se Defensio Milton remained in comparative retirement. It was only in the last year of the Protectorate that he entered again the field of controversy. The pamphlets which he wrote are lacking in the Library, but, for the sake of completeness, they are mentioned here: In August 1650 he published A Treatise of Civil Power in Ecclesiastical Causes, opposing Cromwell's State-Church policy; and, a little later, his Considerations touching the Likeliest Means to remove Hirelings out of the Church, in which he advocated the abolishment of the support of the Church in any form. His last political pamphlet, The Ready and Easy Way to Establish a Free Commonwealth, issued in March 1660, was a desperate plea against the restoration of monarchy. Milton knew that the majority of the nation wanted the restoration of the King. But what of it? "More just it is," he thought, "if it come to force, that a less number compel a greater to retain (which can be no wrong to them) their liberty than that a greater number, for the pleasure of their baseness, compel a less most injuriously to be their fellow-slaves." With a last terrible effort he put himself against the torrent, "to stay these ruinous proceedings, justly and timely fearing to what a precipice of destruction the deluge of this epidemic madness would hurry us, through the general defection of a misguided and abused multitude . . ."

The paper stirred up a veritable uproar. Milton was attacked in press and pulpit, and it was predicted that he would be hanged.

On May I Parliament declared that "according to the ancient and fundamental laws of this Kingdom, the Government is, and ought to be, by King, Lords, and Commons." A week later Charles II was proclaimed King, and on the 29th he entered London.

(To be concluded.)

ZOLTÁN HARASZTI

# President Eliot on Sir Walter Scott

# An Unpublished Address of the Late President of Harvard



T the unveiling of the marble bust of Sir Walter Scott now in Bates Hall of the Library — on May 17, 1899 — Charles W. Eliot, the late President of Harvard University, was the chief speaker. His address, which to our knowledge has never been printed before, has a special interest just now, when the centenary of the death of the great Scotch poet and novelist is being commemorated throughout the world.

President Eliot began his talk with the observation that Scott's romances and poetry are now read by children rather than by men and women, and he asked: "What are the qualities of Scott's writings which so commend them to children who read?" His address was mainly devoted to this question.

The address, of which one type-written copy is preserved at the Boston Public Library and another at Harvard College Library, is printed here in full, with the exception of the closing paragraphs which relate to the circumstances of the acquisition of the bust:

— This excellent copy of Chantrey's familiar bust is going to recall to many future generations that will frequent this Library the expressive features of a man who wrote between 1796 and 1830, — before physical science had begun to change the relations of mankind to the earth, and of men to one another.

It is sixty-seven years since Walter Scott died; and still new editions of his works are constantly appearing, and still he is delighting generations that belong to a human society new in most external and many internal aspects. The permanence of Scott's writings must, therefore, depend on his comprehension of permanent elements in sound human nature, and on his just descriptions of scenes and actions which appeal vividly to universal sentiments.

At this moment there chances to be a strong interest in dialect, and a reaction towards the romantic away from metaphysics and dissections. But these are only temporary reinforcements of Scott's influence. Its real sources lie deeper. Here in America — I know not how it may be in European countries — we observe that Scott's romances and poetry are now read by children rather than by men and women, - except indeed as men and women recur in after life to the tales or the verses which delighted them in their childhood. In well-brought-up American families the children begin with "The Talisman," "Ivanhoe," and "Marmion" at ten or twelve years of age, and go on through the romances and poems with absorbing interest. What are the qualities of Scott's writings which so commend them to children who read?

Scott pictures in both his prose and his poetry all kinds of fighting — tournaments, border raids, combats of smugglers, outlaws, thieves, apprentices, and cattle lifters, dynastic wars, civil wars, religious wars, and wars for freedom.

He wrote of himself, "My heart is a soldier's and always has been." A little French verse which precedes the romance of Quentin Durward says in effect: "My country is war, my home is my armor, and to fight is my life." So his romances and poems present the heroic sides of the marauder's, pirate's, and soldier's life. He depicts fighting for chivalrous or patriotic motives; but a lofty motive is by no means essential to the interest of his pictures of combat.

Quentin Durward thought that no calling would become him except that of the mercenary soldier; and, though he soon had motives for killing and wounding his fellow-men other than his duty to the monarch who hired him to do so at command, he remained a member of a small body of loyal mercenaries whose Scottish swords were at the service of the French king.

All the fighting and the killing are intensely interesting to the average child, whether or not there be any motive for them which the modern man would recognize as commendable or even tolerable. It must be admitted that descriptions of combat and perilous adventure commend themselves to hearty children, whether the descriptions be those of romance, or poetry, or historical narrative.

The embryologists have proved that the human embryo during its development passes rapidly through successive stages which in lower forms of life are permanent. Thus it recalls for a time the polyp, the fish, the marsupial, and other types of mammals lower than man. The single human embryo in its growth recapitulates, as it were, the development of the animal kingdom.

So the psychologists tell us that in the intellectual and moral development of each child there is a series of stages which represent the age-long development of the race in its progress from savagery to what we call civilization. The race has rested long at several of the stages through which the civilized child passes in a few years. Now, at one of these passing elementary stages in the development of the child, Scott's descriptions of fighting and adventure commend themselves heartily to a nature which has advanced part way from savagery to civilization.

We often observe that young children manifest what in adults would be cruelty and ferocity. I need not say that even in civilized nations multitudes of adults never advance beyond this childish stage. Therefore civilization itself has to go armed, lest it be overcome by savage wrong-doing from within as well as from without its own borders.

In children, as in the human race, brutality may last just so long as they are unconscious that it is brutality; or, in other words, so long as they have not conceived of gentleness and mercy. In the progress of the race, brutality begins to cease when someone, gentler or wiser than the rest, conceives and sets forth the better way of gentleness; but the ceasing of brutality and cruelty in the race is infinitely slow, as we have all learnt afresh this very year.

Of the cruelty which Scott depicts both he and his young readers are often alike unconscious. Thus FitzJames rides his gallant gray horse to death just in fruitless chase of a noble stag; and the horse is not killed by his own

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high spirit and ambition, but by his rider; for FitzJames plies both scourge and steel. Nevertheless, the event does not seem to teach cruelty, but rather manly endurance and persistence. In weighing the moral effect of this incident, and of thousands of similar atrocities in Scott's writings, one must take into careful account the ethical standards of the times about which and in which he was writing.

Scott's love of combat was, indeed, allied to his delight in the stalwart, danntless man and the brave, spirited woman. He loved the perfect human body, excellent above all its like, and described it over and over again in his poetry and his romances. The sword of Douglass was too heavy for any other man to wield. FitzJames was the toughest and strongest of his knights, "He was the bravest gentleman that was amang them a'." Saladin could cut off a man's head with one blow of his light scimetar, a feat which requires great strength as well as great dexterity.

The advantages of bodily superiority are incessantly pointed out by Scott. His heroes rode faster and farther than any ordinary human beings, wore heavier armor, came safely through more fatigues and dangers than anybody else ever endured, and either won success and victory, or died with unsurpassable gallantry. The mind and heart of youth perpetually sympathize with Scott in this admiration for physical perfection and prowess.

Another quality of his writings which commend them greatly to the average reading child is their intense local patriotism. Scott knew intimately a district in little Scotland, moderate in area, but various in surface, and having many peculiar beauties of its own, and particularly hill and water beauties. An intimacy with this borderland, acquired in childhood, stood Scott in good stead through all his productive period.

He well illustrates the general truth of Ruskin's dictum that great authors, and particularly great poets, must have been brought up in the country. Among well-bred children there is no commoner sentiment than love of that small piece of the earth's surface with which each child becomes intimate. This sentiment is really the root of what we call patriotism — an affection which really attaches to some small area, and is only extended by analogy or generalization to great areas. The New England child feels about New England exactly as Scott felt about Caledonia:

Land of brown heath and shaggy wood, Land of the mountain and the flood, Land of my sires! What mortal hand Can e'er untie the filial band That knits me to that rugged strand.

It is the very commonness of this sentiment that has helped to give Scott his hold upon successive generations. Fully three generations have passed since "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" was first published, and still his poems inspire thousands of readers with love of nature and love of home.

There is another very simple, natural feeling which runs through many of Scott's writings both in prose and poetry, — namely, his love of prosperity, success, and happy issue out of arduous struggles. To be sure, a happy issue in most cases means for him the winning of material advantages, — such as

happy marriage, many children, the establishment of a family line, long life, and riches or large possessions. There is undoubtedly a Jewish quality in his notions of success, just as there is in modern English and American views of a successful career.

When the Old Testament describes the happy climax of a well-spent life, it mentions that the hero had "fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters, and in all the land there were no women so fair as the daughters of Job. After this lived Job 140 years, and saw his sons, and his son's sons, even four generations." In like manner the climax of Quentin Durward's career is thus described — his sense, firmness and gallantry "put him in possession of wealth, rank and beauty"; and in the two editions of Scott with which I was familiar in boyhood the "wealth, rank, and beauty" were in capital letters. Nevertheless Scott describes some noble endings — like Rebecca's and Minna Troil's — which are not of this kind.

Scott had another quality which would commend him to a great majority of the human race — he was a natural conservative, and his conservatism appeared, not only in his politics (for he was a Tory), but in the whole trend of his writings in both prose and poetry. He portrayed in their most attractive aspects high feudal society and military life, bringing out in strong relief the virtues of honor and fidelity in men and purity and devotion in women.

In many of his humble characters also there appears the sturdy, conservative virtue of loyalty to family, clan, and fendal lord, and to inherited beliefs and traditions. In spite of modern democracy, which has not yet clearly determined what its own substitute for feudal loyalty is to be, these sentiments commend themselves heartily to the average reading youth of to-day.

Finally, a fundamental reason for the continued popularity of Scott among peoples of Teutonic stock is to be found in his delineation of women. He frequently described peculiarly noble types of womanhood — of the kind that most commends itself to the English and American peoples — the kind that is both tender and courageous, that is simple and natural, but high-hearted. Scott's women are of very various sorts and degrees; but his heroines, noble and humble alike, are of this kind. Edith Plantagenet, Flora McIvor, Rebecca, Anne of Geierstein, Minna Troil, Jeanie Deans, and Mary Stuart present a great range of human situation; but they are all beautiful and vigorous types of womanhood.

Since the civilization of any race may be justly estimated by its success in protecting, enlarging, and adorning womanhood, Scott's portraiture of woman defines as well as anything else in his writings his own quality as a civilizing force . . .

# Fine Cancellation Week

Fine Cancellation was held at the Boston Public Library between October 17 and 22. It was an emergency measure employed because of the depression which had made if difficult for many people to pay fines for overdue books. All such fines were declared void, and borrowers who had lost their library privileges because of non-payment of fines were invited to take out new cards. At the same time, such borrowers as had kept back overdue library books were emphatically requested to return these books. It was made clear that their fines could be cancelled only on this condition. And since many of the books missing from the library shelves had been "inadvertently borrowed without charging," a plea was also made for the return of such books.

No less than 78,000 individuals — many of them children — had lost their library privileges because of non-payment of fines. It was to be expected, therefore, that the response to the appeal would be substantial. In actual fact, it turned out to be so extraordinarily eager that no one could have foreseen it.

The first day was indicative of what was to follow. The morning was quiet everywhere, for the children were in school. Soon after lunch-hour, however, the avalanche began. Hordes of children were pouring into the libraries, until the rooms were all filled and police had to keep the lines in order outside the buildings. At some of the Branches 1,500 to 2,000 children presented themselves for new cards. The first day brought about 25,000 children to the Branches.

The results were amazing in regard to the renewal of cards: in a single day 7.410 individuals were added to the

card-holders of the Library. As regards the return of books, however, the results proved less gratifying. Out of about 20,000 books, the recovery of which seemed extremely difficult, 534 books were received on the first day.

The weather, as will be remembered, was exceptionally stormy during the larger part of the week. Yet the siege of the Branches by the crowds of children suffered no relaxation. In drenching rain they kept coming for the renewal of their cards. The number of recovered books increased constantly throughout the week. Meanwhile, the publicity attending the campaign had apparently awakened new interest in the Library. Hundreds of individuals, altogether new to the Library, registered every day for cards.

At the end of the sixth day a halt was called. Fine Cancellation Week was over. And as the figures have been counted, the results, in their totals, seem even more extraordinary: in all, 30,922 people had their cards renewed during the week; the number of recovered books was 3,642; and the number of cards issued to people who were not borrowers before was 2,218.

In a statement Mr. Milton E. Lord, Director of the Library, announced to the public that people may still take out new library cards any time after October 24. That is, the cancellation of fines as declared during Fine Cancellation Week for all books returned prior to the end of the week remains Those people, however, who have failed to return the overdue library books during Fine Cancellation Week have lost the privilege of hav-They, too, ing their fines cancelled. may obtain new library cards, but only if they return the library books and pay their fines.

# Ten Books

There is something unusual about the Selected Essays [2559A.350] of T. S. Eliot. Here is a volume of actual book-size, of four hundred pages, and the pages having normal proportions! It does not look like a book by T. S. Eliot at all, whom one has come to associate with those thin, little quartos, designed for the use of the initiated only, and issued with due seriousness at intervals of two or three years. Yet in spite of the smallness of his literary output, Mr. Eliot is looked upon as perhaps the most important English poet and critic since the War. One should rather say, "poet in the English language," for, though Mr. Eliot has been naturalized in England, it would be awkward to call him - Missouriborn and Harvard-bred, and a descendant of the purest Puritans — "an English poet." But apart from the value of his poetry - especially of "The Waste Land," which some people regard as an unintelligible jumble of literary reminiscences and others as the greatest single poem in English since Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" the influence of T. S. Eliot has been unequalled among the younger poets of the generation. And his influence as a critic has been just as deep. At a time when criticism as an art had fallen low between ponderous scholarship and journalistic log-rolling, the essays of Eliot with their severe discipline have done much toward the establishing of critical standards. His "Sacred Wood," the first of his volumes, was a revelation to the younger literati. The style of Eliot has been especially celebrated, for the finality and, at the same time, for the apparent ease and charm of his utterance. Collected now in a single volume these essays — on the Elizabethan dramatists, seventeenth-century English poets and theologians, and a few on Euripides, Dante, and Bandelaire — do not lose their effectiveness, even if one slightly wonders whether they are really as epoch-making as they appeared years ago.

In Sir Walter Scott [2456.83], a biography published in this centenary year of the poet's death, John Buchan has given a most sympathetic view of the life and works of the poet and novelist. Scott's chief ambition was to be a border laird, and at great sacrifices he built his manor house of Abbotsford. A merely literary life was not to his taste, and "he was always insensitive to the appeal of abstract ideas." In analysing the poems and novels, the biographer traces the sources of Scott's inspiration and the conditions under which each work was written. These discussions and critical estimates are always interesting: the major part of the biography, however, is devoted to Sir Walter Scott, the man. The author has a great admiration for the poet. "He seems to me," he writes, "the greatest, because the most representative, of Scotsmen, since in his mind and character he sums up more fully than any other the idiomatic qualities of his countrymen and translates them into a universal tongue . . ."

Chaucer [4555.153], a study of the great fourteenth-century poet, is perhaps the most delightful of G. K. Chesterton's later works. The second chapter of the book is especially rich in Chestertonian observations on the age of Chaucer. Here the author contrasts the England of Richard II with Elizabethan England, and the democratic sympathy of the mediaeval king with the monarchical prejudices of Shakespeare's time. Later he compares the

world of the trade guilds, to which Chaucer belonged, with the insecure industrial system of modern times. The chapter on Chaucer's public and private life, about which so little is known, is written with much humor, directed against the pedantry of Chaucerian scholars. As the translator of the "Romance of the Rose," as the transformer of ancient tales like "Troilus and Criseyde," and as the original creator of the inimitable "Canterbury Tales," Chaucer appears with qualities essentially mediaeval: he delighted in a good story for its own sake; had a cheerful spirit, and knew the joy of good fellowship. Nevertheless Mr. Chesterton sees in Chaucer, with his psychological character drawing, the grandfather of the modern novel.

Death in the Afternoon [6001.130], Ernest Hemingway's latest book, is about bull-fighting. Readers of Mr. Hemingway's earlier novels know the author's predilection for this manly sport. Here he turns his complete attention to it, and through nearly five hundred pages, and with the help of a hundred full-page illustrations, he tells of all that there is to know about the art. Hemingway is an aficionado, that is, a devotee of bull-fighting, who has seen - according to his own account - over three hundred bull-fights and would have taken up the profession, but found himself "too old, too heavy and too awkward." It may, therefore, be taken for granted that Mr. Hemingway is really deeply and sincerely interested in bulls and matadors. After all, the closer one gets to a subject, the more fascinating that subject becomes. Even so, Death in the Afternoon is a tour de force. After the first fifty or sixty pages one's attention is bound to give way to a feeling of weariness and boredom. Happily, at this juncture the author introduces an imaginary interlocutor in the figure of an "Old Lady," with whom at the end of each chapter he holds some (to use a proper word) highly instructive conversations. These "asides" of the author will give pleasure to his admirers.

Morris Markey, capable New York reporter, wanted to know what America really is like, how Americans live, and what they live by. So he set out in his Ford car to call on Americans at home. "I wanted to talk to as many Americans as possible," he writes. 'everywhere and of every station, to undertake the immense impertinence of worming my way into their homes and into their private thoughts . . ." This Mr. Markey did. He visited iron mines and steel mills, listened to discussions at a pleasant cocktail party at Cleveland, heard the views of a débutante at a country-club dance outside of Detroit, wandered through the prairies to St. Louis and Kansas City, and through the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast. He went as far South as Atlanta and as far North as Boston. He arrived at Boston by the Worcester post-road and found the city good. In a drawing-room on the Hill — if one's surmise is correct, in Louisburg Square — he became "conscious of a warmth of living, an old grace that was framed in rooms of an extraordinarily contained loveliness." Even so, he was glad to be back in New York, for New York gives one "a lift and stimulation" as no other city does. "The surge of beauty is there . . ." The book - This Country of Yours [2368.291] has an immense variety. Some four or five hundred people speak in it on all sorts of subjects. Unfortunately, the picture which Mr. Markey has gained of America after his sixteen thousand miles of travel is not altogether cheering. He finds that "the American people are courageous, amiable, uninformed; that they are actuated by no vestige of national ethic or national ideal; that the manifestations of their outward lives, press, movies, radio, public spokesmen, make them seem curiously different from the people they really are; that most of the confusion in the national character rises from the absence of leadership — that we are, in fact, one of the most aimless great nations that the world has known."

James Truslow Adams, who has achieved unusual success with his recent book "The Epic of America," is writing a similar work, but on an even more popular plane. The March of Democracy [4326.224] is the first volume of this new history, carrying the narrative to the Civil War; a second volume, we are told, will bring it up to our days. The most conspicuous feature of the book is its abundance of illustrations, about two hundred of them. Sprinkled through the text, these portraits, caricatures, pictures of streets and individual houses, maps, reproductions of manuscripts, posters and books will appeal even to the least historically-minded reader. There is no particular originality, scholarship or fresh interpretation in this history of America; yet the book is very readable. American history made attractive for the masses, and yet written with critical intelligence and vigor - this is, in short, the spirit and substance of the book.

The chief interest in Archibald Coolidge, Life and Letters [2344.282], by Harold Jefferson Coolidge and Robert Howard Lord, lies in the many familiar letters, written to friends and public men. The biographers have kept themselves in the background and provided merely the narrative thread which holds these documents together. However, as one of the authors is a younger brother of the late Professor Coolidge, his reminiscences of childhood and early student years have a special attraction. Professor Coolidge died in 1928, after having taught history at Harvard for thirty-five years and having influenced the larger life of the University as Director of the Harvard Library since 1010. His knowledge of foreign affairs was both scholarly and practical. In his early years he served in various diplomatic posts, and later he was Exchange Professor at the Sorbonne and at the University of Berlin. After the War he was sent on official missions to Archangel and Vienna, and to the Peace Conference at Versailles. During the last years of his life Professor Coolidge edited the journal "Foreign Affairs," which under his policy became a unique vehicle for expert opinions on current international life.

Roger Williams, New England Firebrand [2347.137], by James Ernst is, according to the author, the first fulllength biography of the pioneer of religious liberty in New England. The work is based on a careful study of sources, among them letters and pamphlets now first utilized. The life of Roger Williams was highly picturesque. Converted to Puritanism at the age of eleven, he passed through various stages of dissent till, as an extreme Separatist, he was forced to flee from the autocracy of Bishop Laud to America. The young clergyman landed in Boston in 1631. His conflicts with the Puritan leaders in Boston and with the more tolerant Pilgrims at Plymouth were due to his belief in the separation of Church and State and in the absolute liberty of the soul. Tried and banished by the Bay court, he founded a settlement at Rhode Island, which he made a harbor for religious refugees. Mr. Ernst's book is broad in scope; it is a study of the Puritan mentality and its background, both in England and New England.

The Intimate Notebooks of George Jean Nathan [\*2396.505] consists chiefly of critical observations and theatrical opinions, some of a single paragraph, others running to several pages. They are in the usual Nathan manner: egotistic and pretentious, but also shrewd and incisive and, most of the time, true. For whatever may be one's objections to Nathan's style, one cannot deny that he knows the theatre and that there is life in his writings. Further, his merits in having fought for a dramatist like Eugene O'Neill and in-still fighting against the shams that so often pass for art on Broadway are unquestionable; and though his viewpoints seem much less revolutionary to-day than ten years ago, he is still a useful man. But even Nathan has reached now the reminiscing age. The first part of his book contains notes about authors
— friends of his — like Sinclair Lewis,
Eugene O'Neill, Theodore Dreiser, and
H. L. Mencken. These sketches — a
compendium of footnotes for further
biographers, as Mr. Nathan calls them
— are very good reading.

The Stage Is Set [6251.75] by Lee Simonson, one of the directors and scenic designers of the Theatre Guild, is probably the most significant book about the theatre written in these years in America. Mr. Simonson is both an artist and a scholar, and in addition he writes with grace and ease. His book is more than a mere study of the stage; literature, painting, music and all the allied arts are treated with equal penetration. It is the range of the author's culture, and the civilized quality of his style, not untinged by irony, that impress one most forcibly. At the same time, Mr. Simonson's book has also a solid construction. In the first part he discusses the problems of scenery "in the theatre of ideas"; then he gives a history of the evolution of the stage from Greek times to the Renaissance; in a section called "the actor and the third dimension" he explains the ideas of the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, Gordon Craig, and Adolphe Appia; and finally he analyses the weaknesses of the present-day theatre, especially pointing out the feebleness of our customary speech which makes great acting impossible. The problems of scenic design have a prominent part in the book. In view of the recent exaggerated claims made for the scenedesigner, Mr. Simonson, himself one of the profession, is led to an emphatic repudiation of such pretensions. "It is far easier to design a beautiful setting than to direct a play or to act a rôle superbly," he writes, adding: "Designers of stage settings will not transmute their craft into an art, nor add a cubit to its stature by maintaining the pretence that scenic design can by itself develop the expressiveness of acting or anticipate the trend of playwrighting."

# Library Notes

The marble bust of Sir Walter Scott in Bates Hall, placed on a mantle-piece between the busts of Longfellow and Whittier, has been in the Library since 1899. The circumstances of the acquisition of the bust were told by President Eliot and Dr. James de Normandie at its unveiling on May 17, 1899. They may be recalled here now, in the centenary year of the death of the

poet and novelist.

In October 1896 a subscription was opened in Great Britain to place in the Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey a copy of Chantrey's bust of Sir Walter John Hutchison was commissioned to make the copy from the original which is at Abbotsford. A few months after the campaign was launched in London, subscription papers were placed in the Boston Public Library and in the Boston Athenaeum. Mr. Fiske Warren and Mr. James Murray Kay took charge of the American subscriptions. The result was that out of a total of 329 contributors, 119 were Americans, and out of a total of £540 collected £92 were from American sources.

When the Committee on the Scott Memorial in Westminster Abbey had accomplished their object, and had unveiled in the Abbey the copy of Chantrey's bust, it appeared that a surplus remained in the hands of the Committee. Thereupon, in recognition of the help which American citizens had given to the undertaking, the Committee resolved to present to the Boston Public Library a replica of the bust placed in Westminster Abbey. According to the letter of the Committee, the copy is a faithful one and of even finer marble than the one in the Abbey.

The Rev. James De Normandie, then Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the Library, was one of the speakers at the unveiling of Sir Walter Scott's bust. He spoke of the pure enjoyment which Scott's novels have procured for millions of readers, and then of the lovable qualities of the novelist's own character. The speaker told a story which is doubtless familiar to many people, yet which may bear repeating here:

A Highlander who had built an inn nearby came into Walter Scott's library one day saying: "May it please you Sir Walter, I am going to call my place the 'Flodden Inn,' and as you have written a poem on Flodden Field it struck me and the gude wife that you might gie us a motto for the home."

"Have you read the poem?"

"No; I'm not a reader, but I've heard them as know say that it is a verra fine thing."

"Well, I would advise you to take a line from the poem itself: 'Drink, weary traveller; drink and pray.'"

"But, Sir Walter, it's not to be a kirk but an inn, and the more prayin' there is the less drinkin' there'll be, and I dinna want that."

"O," laughed Sir Walter, "I think I can alter the line to suit you by leaving out one letter: 'Drink, weary traveller, drink and pay.'"

"Just the verra thing."

The Boston Public Library has many first edition copies of the poetic and dramatic works of Sir Walter Scott. A few are mentioned here:

The Library has Marmion: a Tale of Flodden Field, 1808; The Field of Waterloo: a Poem, 1815; Harold the dauntless, 1817; The Visionary, 1819; and Halidon Hill: a dramatic Sketch from Scottish History, 1822 — all printed at Edinburgh.

A curious rarity is A Bannatyne Garland, Quhairin the President speaketh, published in 1823. Only forty copies were printed of this song which begins "Assist me, ye friends of old books and old wine.

To sing in the praises of sage Bannatyne."

The Bannatyne Club was Scott's own creation; he was its first and only president until his death. It was founded in 1823 in memory of George Bannatyne, who in the year 1568 wrote 800

pages of Scottish poems.

There is much of interest in various other first editions which the Library owns of works written or edited by Scott. Among these are The Border Antiquities of England and Scotland, London, 1814–17; The Provincial Antiquities and Picturesque Scenery of Scotland, London, 1826; The Life of Napoleon Buonaparte, Edinburgh, 1827; and Letters on Demonology and Witchcraft, London, 1830. One should mention the London, 1808, edition of The Works of John Dryden; as also The English Minstrelsy, Edinburgh, 1810, which includes lyric poems and ballads.

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A special interest attaches to three volumes of Shakespeare's Works, edited by Sir Walter Scott and John Gibson Lockhart, and published in Edinburgh in 1825. A note written on the flyleaf of one of the volumes by Thomas Rodd, the London bookseller, states that the three volumes were purchased at a sale in Edinburgh and that they were entered in the catalogue as "Shakespeare's Works, edited by Sir Walter Scott and Lockhart, vols. 2, 3, 4, all printed unique."

Further one may read in Rodd's note: "That Scott entertained the design of editing Shakespeare, I know from A. Constable, who mentioned it to me more than once, and I sent him a little book of memoranda for Scott's use; but as he, Constable, informed me, it never reached him. The bankruptcies of Scott and Constable prevented the

completion of the work."

When in 1874 the plan of this Shakespeare edition became known through the publication of Constable's correspondence, Justin Winsor wrote a letter to a Boston newspaper, stating:

"The account of the Barton collection, which was printed fifteen years ago, contained the earliest public mention, I believe, of the supposition that Scott ever engaged in such a work, which this life of Constable now renders certain. These later corroborative statements give a peculiar interest to the volumes which are now in this library and which are perhaps the only ones of the edition now in existence."

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A detailed description and history of Versailles [\*8115.08-112] by Edmund Pilson and Maurice Pierre-Boyé is contained in a large lavishly illustrated folio volume. Versailles was nothing but an obscure village until Louis XIII built there a little hunting-castle. Forty years later Louis XIV built the palace which under him and his successor Louis XV became the foremost secular building in France. The photographs give excellent views of the great halls and salons, the royal chambers and details of richly carved panels, paintings and sculpture, water-works and landscape architecture.

The volume includes similar descriptions and illustrations of the "Grand Trianon," built in 1688 by Louis XIV and the "Petit Trianon," intended by Louis XV for Mme de Pompadour, and later the residence of Marie Antoinette. A final chapter gives an account of Saint-Cyr, which was founded by Mme de Maintenon as a school for daughters of noblemen, and since Napoleon's time has been a military school.

Besides the many photographs, the volume includes full-page plates which reproduce in colour several charming water-colours by Camille Carlier-Vignal.

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Witchcraft, Magic and Alchemy by Grillot de Givry is a veritable treasury of curious pictures illustrating the occult arts and sciences, accompanied by a historical exposition. The author declares that no work of this kind has

hitherto been attempted. He has collected over 350 pictures, taken from a great variety of books, including manuscripts and incunabula; the illustrations are largely from the Middle Ages, but later periods are also represented.

In the arrangement of the book, distinction is made between "Sorcerers" and "Magicians." The former section is devoted to the realm of Satan: to mediaeval demonology, the witches' sabbath, and necromancy practised by evil spirits. Here one finds the ingenious tortures of the Last Judgment as represented by the works of Hieronymus Bosch, Schongauer, Lucas Cranach the Elder, and Brueghel the Elder; the temptations of St. Anthony are also shown in several grotesque varieties. Even more curious are the rare woodcuts from the "Ars moriendi" and the illustrations in Father Guaccius's "Compendium maleficarum" of 1626.

Among the "Magicians" belong the Jewish and Christian Cabbalists, the astrologers, and the numerous varieties of clairvoyants. Here some extraordinary diagrams show the influence of the stellar universe on the human body and head. The final section of the volume treats of alchemy and the philosopher's stone. — The call-number is \*7601.74.

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The Chained Library [\*6103.94] by Burnett Hillman Streeter, Canon of Hereford Cathedral, is a delightful, profusely illustrated history of four centuries of library development in England. The author explains how the original custom of chaining books determined the architecture and the furnishing of libraries. For, since the books could not be removed, the desk and the seat for the reader had to be

near the book, and all had to be near a window. It is known that chains in libraries were kept in use through the eighteenth century, for new chains were purchased at Chetham College, Manchester, as late as 1742, and at the Bodleian in 1751. Chains were removed from the libraries of Queen's College, Merton and Magdalen — all at Oxford — respectively in 1780, 1792 and 1799.

The chained library began in England about 1320, though not all books were chained; even in the beginning some were kept in chests or cupboards called almeries. By the fifteenth century large portions of a library seem to have been chained. The earliest method of providing for readers was the lectern system, which prevailed in Cambridge till 1600 and was employed by Bodley in his famous library. Books were chained to the lectern, and benches were provided in front of it.

The next stage was the stall system, first built in Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1480, and soon widely used in other libraries. The book stall or "press" stands at right angles to the wall and has book shelves on either side. The seats are parallel to the book shelves and originally no shelf was below the desk level. The height of the shelf was determined by the size of the largest book, and it must be remembered that the majority of books were folios.

The third development was that of the "wall system," the construction of shelves along the walls of the room. The Arts End of the Bodleian library was a pioneer of this method in 1612. St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, the first college library built on the wall system, was also the last which still kept its books chained; the chains were removed in 1760.

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# First Editions of Milton

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#### IV

On the same day that Charles was proclaimed King, a "Bill of Indemnity and Oblivion" was introduced into Parliament, promising pardon to all political offenders — except to those whom Parliament itself would exclude from the amnesty. It was understood that the clause referred first of all to the regicides and to others connected with the King's trial. Many rumors were afloat, and nobody knew how far vengeance would go. Thus the Restoration, even before it became an accomplished fact, fore-shadowed extreme danger for a number of people.

Milton's friends were deeply perturbed about his safety. Even if there were to be only a few exceptions from the amnesty, the advocate and spiritual justifier of the King's execution was likely to be among them. So, in all silence, the blind poet was whisked away from his house to that of a friend.

In the second week of June Parliament deliberated about the selection of the "twenty other delinquents" who were to be condemned with the regicides. Vane, Axtell, Haselrig, John Goodwin were among those placed on the list, but Milton's name did not come up. It was merely moved, on June 16, that two of his books, the Eikonoklastes and the Pro Populo Anglicano, together with John Goodwin's The Obstructors of Justice, should be burned by the common hangman and that he himself should be put into custody. The

debate about the Bill lasted for weeks, for the House of Commons insisted that the twenty newly picked "delinquents" must not be executed, whereas the House of Lords wanted the death of several of them. Finally a compromise was reached and the Bill was passed on August 28, receiving the King's assent on the following day. With this the worst part of the storm, for Milton at least, was over. There were speculations even at that time as to how he had escaped being included among the regicides. Some people ascribed it to the influence of Davenant, the poet-laureate, to whom ten years earlier Milton had done a similar service; others thought that two intimates of George Monk, the new Duke of Albermarle, intervened in his favor. His blindness may have also pleaded for the poet, though in the case of Oliver Cromwell death itself could not soften the spirit of revenge; the body of the Protector was dragged out of its tomb and hanged up at Tyburn. Probably what saved Milton was that, known chiefly as a pamphleteer, he did not appear an important enough personage to take the place of any of those on the list.

Unluckily, a few days before the sanctioning of the Bill which would have made Milton a free man, his hiding-place was tracked down. The Bill automatically cancelled the warrant for the arrest, yet he remained in prison till December 15. Parliament then ordered his immediate release, though charging him with "paying his fees." Meanwhile, in October, a number of regicides were hanged and quartered.

Regaining his freedom, Milton stayed for some time at Holborn and then removed to Jewin Street, at Aldersgate. It was there that he wrote the larger part of *Paradise Lost*.

The first two books of the poem were probably composed before the Restoration. Those who like to identify autobiographical passages in the epic think that the great ode "Hail, holy Light, offspring of Heaven first-born!..." at the opening of the third book marks the resumption of the work after 1660. It is also conjectured that by 1662 the first half of the poem was finished. The well-known lines in the seventh book naturally refer to the poet's isolation under the new régime:

Standing on Earth, not rapt above the pole, More safe I sing with mortal voice, unchanged To hoarse or mute, though fallen on evil days, On evil days though fallen, and evil tongues, In darkness, and with dangers compassed round, And solitude . . .

His friends — Lady Ranelaugh, Andrew Marvell, Cyriak Skinner, Thomas Ellwood and others — remained faithful to the poet, but he felt crushed by the new political and social era. In addition, his family life was unhappy. In his three daughters Milton did not find much comfort; they were, he thought, disobedient and undutiful. It is true that the position of the girls was not enviable. As his nephew Edward Phillips recorded, Milton made them read to him books in Hebrew, Greek, Latin and various other languages expecting a correct pronunciation in all of them. A widower for several years, he also needed a wife. So at the recommendation of a friend in February 1662, at the age of fifty-four, he married Elizabeth Mishnull, a girl of twenty-four. A year or

two later the family moved to a house in Artillery Walk, near Bunhill Fields, and here Milton spent the remaining ten years of his life.

By 1665 Paradise Lost was completed. Thomas Ellwood was the first man to read the whole manuscript, though parts of it were already known to several people. The work itself was written in various handwritings, Milton having dictated ten, twenty or thirty verses at a time to whatever hand was near when the spirit moved him. Friends remembered that when dictating the poet usually "sat leaning backward obliquely in an easy chair, with his leg flung over the elbow of it" or "composed lying in bed in morning." Sometimes he could not make a single verse, though he lay awake the whole night, and at other times inspiration seized him "with a certain impetus and aestro." On such occasions, whatever was the hour, he rang for one of his daughters "to secure what came."

The Plague and the Great Fire prevented the publication of the poem during the next two years. It was in April 1667 that Samuel Simmons, "next door to the Golden Lion in Aldersgate Street," agreed to publish it. In October of the same year the work — a small quarto of 342 pages — appeared.

Milton had sold his manuscript for the magnificent sum of £5, and his contract with the publisher stipulated that the book must be issued in 1300 copies, with perhaps 200 additional copies for gifts. Should a second and a third edition of an equal size be needed, the poet was to receive a further £5 for each.

The first edition of *Paradise Lost* presents an interesting bibliographical problem. It took some eighteen months before all the 1300 copies were actually placed on sale. When the first few hundred were sold, the publisher—still in 1667—put forth a few hundred more copies with a title-page which, though identical with the former in wording, had the author's name printed in a different size. In 1668 the title-page was changed four times, and finally in 1669 three more new title-pages were employed for the remaining copies. Thus, in all, the first edition was issued in nine variants. One should note, however, that, as Mr. A. W. Pollard remarks, recent investigators have been able to trace only six.

As in the case of the first and second, the differences between the later issues are slight. The third and fourth title-pages, for instance, contain only the initials of the poet, as if the publisher had been afraid to come out openly with the name of a political suspect. On the fifth Simmons reintroduced Milton's name and for the first time inserted his own. The other title-pages show variations in regard to the names of the agents who handled the sale of the book.

The copies with the fifth title-page, however, differ in one important respect from the earlier ones. At the request of his publisher, who thought that a summary of the contents of the poem would promote the sale, Milton supplied a prose sketch for the volume, divided, as the poem itself, into ten sections. At the same time he wanted to meet another objection against his work. Many critics had sharply denounced the poet because Paradise Lost did not rime. Milton took up the challenge and dictated a defence of his blank verse, a form used hitherto only in the drama. "Rime," he boldly asserted, "is no necessary adjunct or true ornament of poem or good verse, but

the invention of a barbarous age, to set off wretched matter and lame meter." And he finished his declaration with this sentence: "This neglect of rime so little is to be taken for a defect, though it may seem so to vulgar readers, that it rather is to be esteem'd an example set, the first in English, of ancient liberty recover'd to heroic poem from the troublesome and modern bondage of rimeing." At the head of the first page the publisher called attention to these additions. "Courteous Reader," he wrote, "There was no argument at first intended to the Book, but for the satisfaction of the many that have desired it, I have procur'd it, and withall a reason of that which stumbled many others, why the Poem rimes not." The two additions occupy fourteen new pages.

The Library has two copies of the first edition of *Paradise Lost*, each with the fifth title-page. One of the copies belongs to the Barton Collection and the other was received as a gift from Mr. Thomas Gaffield in 1895. The Barton copy is bound in red morocco and is gilt-edged; the Gaffield copy, which is a little larger, is in old leather binding. Copies of the book are rare, but not exceedingly so. Those with the first title-page are the most coveted; a few years ago one was sold for \$2,950. Copies with the fifth title-page realize about \$300.

By April 1669 the first edition of the poem was exhausted and the publisher made preparations for the second. In accordance with the original agreement, he paid again £5 to the poet. For the next five years, however, for some reason or other, the book remained out of print. It was only in 1674 that the second edition appeared.

But before the publication of the second edition an interesting incident happened. In the early months of 1674 Milton received a visit from John Dryden, the new poet-laureate, who asked his permission for turning the epic into a drama in rime. Milton, as he related later to Marvell, told him that "he would give him leave to tag his verses." Dryden set himself at once to the task and in four weeks he composed his drama, or rather heroic opera, The State of Innocence, and Fall of Man. The work, though it circulated in manuscript immediately after its completion, was never produced on the stage and was not printed until 1676 (with the date of 1677 in the imprint), two years after Milton's death. Nat Lee in his panegyric upon Dryden thought it well thus to refer to Milton and his poem:

To the dead Bard, your fame a little owes, For Milton did the Wealthy Mine disclose, And rudely cast what you cou'd well dispose . . .

Dryden, though he let the verse be printed in front of his play, knew better. "I cannot, without injury to the deceased author of *Paradise Lost*, but acknowledge," he wrote in his preface, "that this poem has received its entire foundation, part of the design, and many of the ornaments, from him." And he added: "Truly I should be sorry, for my own sake, that any one should take the pains to compare them together; the original being undoubtedly one of the greatest, most noble, and most sublime poems, which either this age or nation has produced." The Library has a copy of the first edition of Dryden's play.

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# POEM

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The Author fOHN MILTON.

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Printed by S. Simmons, and to be fold by S. Thomson at the Eishopf-Head in Duck-lane, H. Mortlack at the White Hart in Westminster Hall, M. Walker under St. Dunstans Church in Fleet street, and R. Boulee at the Tink Head in Bishops at street, 1668.

The second edition of *Paradise Lost* contains some important changes. Books VII and X of the first edition were now divided into two each, so that in the second edition the poem consisted of twelve books instead of ten. On the title-page, indeed, the work was advertised as "revised and augmented," the additions, however, consisted only of a few lines. Another noteworthy innovation was that the "Argument" was distributed throughout the volume, the summary of the contents of each book preceding that particular book. Two laudatory poems — one in Latin by Samuel Barrow, a well-known physician, and another in English by Andrew Marvell — were prefixed to the volume. Facing the title-page was Milton's portrait, engraved by W. Dolle.

Copies of the second edition are not particularly rare, and they sell for

about \$30 or \$40. The Library has one, acquired in 1901.

By 1678 the second edition, too, must have been exhausted, for in that year Simmons published a third edition. In compensation for the entire copy-right he later paid Milton's widow £8. Thus Milton and his family received in all £18 for Paradise Lost — a little more than one-tenth of the sum which Milton paid to the jailer after his imprisonment. Simmons subsequently sold the copy-right to Brabazon Aylmer, from whom it finally descended upon Jacob Tonson. In 1688 Jacob Tonson produced, by subscription, a new, folio edition of the poem, illustrated by twelve large plates designed by John Medina. Lord Somers sponsored the edition and among the subscribers were a few dozen dukes, earls, and other lords. The Revolution was on the horizon and the rebel Milton, a strangely antiquated figure among the wits of the Restoration, was about to be remembered as "the great reformer." Fourteen years after his death Milton was canonized — and the gentry was only too eager to be present at the ceremonies. Under his portrait, opposite the title-page, were engraved the following lines by Dryden:

Three Poets, in three distant Ages born, Greece, Italy, and England did adorn. The first in loftiness of thought surpass'd; The next in majesty; in both the last. The force of Nature cou'd no farther goe To make a third she joyned the former two.

In 1692 appeared the fifth edition of *Paradise Lost* and in 1695 the sixth, now as part of Milton's *Poetical Works*. This latter contains an elaborate commentary on the poem, running to 321 folio pages, by Patrick Hume, a Scotch schoolmaster, who was settled near London. The Library has copies of the fourth and sixth editions.

But there are dozens of other editions of *Paradise Lost* in the Library. Only a few will be mentioned here: the tenth, published in 1719 in small format with the reduced engravings of the first folio edition; the fourth issue of Bishop Newton's edition; the one printed by Baskerville in 1758; the 1799 edition with the engravings of Rothwell and Neagle. In 1794–1797 appeared what is to this day the most sumptuous edition of Milton's *Poetical Works*, printed in three large folio volumes by William Bulmer for John and Josiah Boydell and George Nicol, with the engravings of R. Westall. Another fine folio edition of *Paradise Lost* was published by Charles Wittingham in 1846, with the somewhat fantastic illustrations of John Martin.

By the beginning of the seventeenth century the poem had been translated into a half dozen languages, and into Latin as early as 1690. It is amusing to place the foreign translations side by side with the original and see what the translators have made out of Milton's language. Take for example the famous metaphor which compares Satan to

. . . that sea-beast Leviathan, which God of all his works Created hugest that swim the ocean stream.

Châteaubriand in his careful prose-translation renders the lines as

Satan égalait encore cette bête de la mer, Léviathan, fit la plus grande entre celles qui nagent le cours le l'Océan.

The Italian Andrea Maffei translates them, very beautifully:

... o pari a quell' orrendo Leviatano che la Man di Dio Creò d'ogni marina orca più vasto.

William Dobson in his *Paradisus Amissus* published at Oxford in 1750 gave this rendering:

... non Illum ipsa horrida ponti Bellua, quae fluctus inter mirabile Monstrum Navigat, acquoreacque exultat maxima gentis.

The words are there, but where is the tremendous power of Milton's image — the immensity of that huge animal, Leviathan, which "shrinks up the ocean to a stream, and takes up the sea in its nostrils as a very little thing . . ." to quote Hazlitt's inimitable phrase.

#### V

Having published a successful work, an author is usually very cautious with his next publication, lest he should disappoint the public with something that might be judged inferior to his last production. Milton, apparently, had no such worries. The first edition of Paradise Lost was still on the stands, when be brought out a little book "for the use of such (younger or elder) as are desirous . . . to attain the Latin Tongue." His Accedence Commenc't Grammar may not add much to the poet's glory, but Milton, the schoolmaster, was decidedly proud of the book as of the first attempt of its kind in English. The History of Britain, from prehistoric origins to the Norman Conquest, is no masterpiece either. It is a popular compilation from the works of Caesar and Tacitus, and the old Saxon chroniclers, with a generous sprinkling of Milton's own views about persons and events. The interest of the book, if there is any, lies in these poetic or sarcastic comments. The book contains a portrait of the author, made in 1670, the year of its publication, by William Faithorne. Similar to his Latin primer is Milton's text-book on logic, Artis Logicae Institutio, which was printed in 1672. It is an exposition of the logic of Peter Ramus, the French philosopher, an opponent of the Aristotelian philosophy.

The Library has the last of these three books and a copy of the 1677 edition of the second.

At Chalfont St. Giles, a village in Buckinghamshire where he fled from the Plague, Milton handed one day the completed manuscript of *Paradise Lost* to his friend Thomas Ellwood to read. Returning the manuscript, the young Quaker remarked to the poet: "Thou has said much here of Paradise Lost, but what hast thou to say of Paradise found?" Milton made no answer, but "sat some time in a muse." Later in London, after the Plague was over, he gave Ellwood a second poem to read: "This is owing to you," he said, "for you put it into my head by the question you put to me at Chalfont." It was the manuscript of *Paradise Regained*.

The sequel was constructed on the model of the original. There the Fall of Man was the main theme, here the Temptation of Christ:

I who e're while the happy Garden sung, By one man's Disobedience lost, now sing Recover'd Paradise to all mankind, By one man's firm Obedience fully try'd Through all temptation, and the Tempter foil'd In all his wiles . . .

Like all second parts, *Paradise Regained* has been judged as inferior to *Paradise Lost*. The opinion was spread about even in Milton's time, and the poet was much angered by it. "He could not hear with patience any such thing when related to him," his nephew remembered.

Those years following the publication of Paradise Lost were, indeed, not wholly occupied with the compilation of grammatical and logical trifles. The great dramatic poem Samson Agonistes dates also from this time. "They onely will best judge it who are not unacquainted with Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides," the poet wrote. The poem, often decried as monotonous and lacking in dramatic interest, contains a larger number of beautiful lyric passages than perhaps any other work of Milton's in a similar compass. What could be more touching than Samson's long soliloquy beginning "O loss of sight, of thee I most complain . . ." Samson and Milton are the same person, and it is of himself that the poet drew this tragic portrait:

Now blind, disheartened, shamed, dishonoured, quelled, To what can I be useful? wherein serve
My nation, and the work from Heaven imposed?
But to sit idle on the household hearth,
A burdenous drone; to visitants a gaze,
Or pitied object; these redundant locks,
Robustious to no purpose, clustering down,
Vain monument of strength; till length of years
And sedentary numbness craze my limbs
To a contemptible old age obscure . . .

This is what went on, often enough, in the mind of the old poet. To his friends he showed a peaceful picture. What they were accustomed to see was an old man "sitting in a grey coarse cloth coat at the door of his house, near Bunhill Fields, without Moorgate," enjoying the fresh air, in warm sunny weather. Or they found him in the room upstairs in his small house, "sitting in an elbow chair, black clothes, and neat enough, pale but not cadaverous," gently complaining that his hands and fingers were gouty and with chalk-stones.

Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes were published in 1671, in a small octavo volume of 220 pages, the first 112 pages containing Paradise Regained and the rest, with a special title-page, Samson Agonistes. The book is not very rare and good copies sell for about \$200. Unfortunately, the Library does not possess it. The earliest edition of these two great poems in the Library is the third, printed in 1688 in a large folio form. This third edition of Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes was bound together with the 1695 edition of Paradise Lost and the Poems, thus forming the first collected edition of Milton's Poetical Works.

The remaining three years of Milton's life were devoted again to painphleteering, the old passion of his best years. Charles's Declaration of Indulgence in March 1672, suspending the penal statutes against the Nonconformists, was received with general suspicion, most people thinking that the policy of toleration toward the Nonconformists was instituted only in order to make possible a similar policy toward the Roman Catholics. The Nonconformists themselves were alarmed at such a prospect. The cry "No Popery" was unanimous throughout the land, and Milton, hardly to his credit, eagerly responded to the excitement. His tract Of True Religion, Heresy, Schism, Toleration and the Growth of Popery, put forth in 1673, demanded religious freedom for all Christian sects, except the Roman Catholics. The vehemence which characterised his religious pamphlets of more than thirty years before is all there in the tract, but not his former generosity and breadth of view. His second book of this period, the Election of the present King of Poland John the Third was a translation of the document issued by the Polish diet about the election of John Sobiesky to the Polish throne, a subject which by its advocacy of popular rights may have appealed to Milton. His third book, published like the former in July 1674, is entitled Epistolae Familiares. It contains thirty-one letters of Milton, ranging in date from 1625 to 1666, besides some of his early Latin Academic Exercises. The last volume, of which the Library has a copy, is comparatively rare.

In conjunction with his Familiar Epistles, Milton was auxious to publish also his Letters of State; he could not obtain, however, the necessary licence for their printing. Upon Milton's death, the manuscript of these letters came into the hands of one of his amanuenses, a young man named Daniel Skinner, who entrusted them to Daniel Elzevir in Amsterdam for publication. The Dutch publisher was evidently undecided about the matter and meanwhile, in October 1676, a London printer anonymously issued the letters from a copy which was supplied to him by Milton's nephew. Thus the Literae Pseudo-Senatûs Anglicani is a surreptitious, yet accurate publication. The writer of the preface, probably in order to make the appearance of the book possible, condemns Milton's "most abominable conduct," but praises "the elegance of his Latin expression."

Another posthumous publication allegedly by Milton is the Character of the Long Parliament and Assembly of Divines, printed in 1681. The tract, a thin quarto of eleven pages, seems to be a forgery. A Brief History of Moscovia, published in 1682, is, on the other hand, undoubtedly authentic. It was written, as the publisher states, in Milton's own hand, which means before 1652, the year in which he became blind. The first collected edition of Mil-

ton's prose works, in three folio volumes, appeared in 1698. Ten years after the Revolution, every political stigma was removed from the author's name, and his political and religious views again looked honorable. Yet, even then the imprint gave Amsterdam as the place of printing, though the work was really published in London. The Library has a copy of the Complete Collection of the Historical, Political, and Miscellaneous Works of John Milton.

The last and most important of Milton's posthumous works had to wait a century and a half for its publication. It is a treatise on Christian doctrine, De Doctrina Christiana, on which Milton had labored, off and on, during his whole life. The work was probably submitted to the Government soon after Milton's death, and it remained in the State Paper Office from that time until 1823, when the librarian of George IV, the Rev. Charles Richard Sumner, discovered it. In 1825 it was published both in the original Latin and in an English translation by Sumner.

Had the book appeared in Milton's time, it probably would have raised a greater outcry against him than all his divorce and religious tracts combined. In its tone the work is perfectly calm; it consists largely of Biblical texts — whole strings of them — with the author's comments and conclusions running between the quotations. This cool manner, however, serves only to emphasize Milton's high seriousness. He is convinced that he is communicating to the world "his best and richest possession." And he is speaking like a veritable high-priest, "with a friendly and benignant feeling towards mankind."

He starts out from the fundamental idea of the divine origin of the Scriptures and maintains that their plain sense should be accepted without reserve and fear of anthropomorphism. At the same time, he vindicates the right of individual interpretation. "The Spirit which is given to us is a more certain guide than Scripture," he declares. Then after long and respectable disquisitions follow the chapters on "The Son of God" and "The Holy Spirit." The first attempts to prove that the Son of God did not exist from eternity, is not co-eval, co-essential, or co-equal with the Father. He is, however, in a sense, divine. "God imparted to the Son as much as He pleased of the divine nature, nay, of the divine substance itself, care being taken not to confound the substance with the whole essence." As to the third person of the Trinity, "He was created of the substance of God . . . probably before the foundations of the world were laid, but later than the Son, and far inferior to Him." This is the pure spirit of Arianism. Incidentally, it is the spirit that pervades Paradise Lost. Milton's views on immortality were equally unorthodox. He believed in the complete unity of body and soul and undertook to show that "in death, first the whole man, and secondly, each component part suffers privation of life." He thought that the soul begins to live again only when, at the Resurrection, the body is revived.

The portions of the work, however, which would have given the most immediate cause for scandal, had the work been published in its time, are those on the institution of marriage. In all calmness, the author maintains that polygamy is altogether lawful and that not a trace of its interdiction can be found in the Bible. The most venerable prophets practised it, from Abraham down to David, and from David down to Joash. "Who can be-

lieve," Milton asks, "that so many men of the highest character should have sinned for so many ages?" He does not precisely advocate polygamy, but to theologians at least he gives the good advice: "The practice of the saints is the best interpretation of the commandments."

How proud the author was of his work may be seen from his prefatory address which he headed with this benediction: "John Milton to all the Churches of Christ, and to all who profess the Christian faith throughout the world, Peace and the Recognition of Truth, and Eternal Salvation in God the Father, and in our Lord Jesus Christ."

## VI

There are few men in literature and the arts about whom critics unanimously agree, and even concerning these few it has taken some time before critical judgment has crystallized. Pope Julius III had been forewarned that the cupola of St. Peter's might collapse any moment should Michelangelo's plans be put into execution, and in the refined eighteenth century Shakespeare was often regarded as a crude barbarian. Disagreement of critics about any artist is something to be expected — almost in proportion to the greatness, and therefore novelty and daring, of the artist. Considering the reverses which such pronouncements usually undergo, one may say that Milton's reputation has fared better than that of most men of genius. His position in English literature is safely established; his rank as the greatest Englist poet, second only to Shakespeare, is seldom questioned.

Yet it is an equally undoubted fact that Paradise Lost is hardly ever read nowadays outside of schools. Of course, the number of those who are interested in the greatest works of literature is always limited, and the epic, particularly, seems an antiquated genre in our time. Nevertheless Dante is read, in Italy at least, even by the moderately educated; and there are some in every country who return, long after school, to Virgil or Homer. Toward Milton, on the other hand, there exists a sort of snobbery, as if it were generally understood that something was wrong with the poet. Every schoolboy seems to think that he has the privilege of a frown, or a smile, when Milton's name is mentioned: he was such a hopeless Puritan . . .

A great poet and a Puritan. There is a gap and a contradiction in the association. And the assumption of this gap and contradiction has been the key-note of the larger part of the Milton criticism during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Edmond Scherer, the eminent French critic, expressed a common view when he wrote: "Milton is an elegant poet and a passionate controversialist, an accomplished humanist and a narrow sectarian, an admirer of Petrarch and Shakespeare and a cunning exegete of Biblical texts, a lover of pagan antiquity and devoted to the Hebrew spirit. He is all this at once, naturally, and without effort — a problem in history, an enigma in literature!"

This incongruity of the fundamental characteristics of Milton's poetry and personality explains the incongruity of the critical opinions themselves about him. What a critic finds in Milton depends on whether he looks at him as the inheritor of the Renaissance or the combatant for the Reformation.

And the one may be as much the source of blame as the other. Samuel Johnson called Lycidas "disgusting" and "indecent"; he found the diction of the poem harsh, its rhymes uncertain, and its numbers unpleasing. Similarly he thought that the Sonnets "deserve not any particular criticism; for of the best it can only be said that they are not bad." The moral sentiments of Paradise Lost, on the other hand, greatly pleased the Doctor, though his liking was notoriously limited even for that epic. Goldsmith, as it was to be expected, much preferred the shorter poems to Paradise Lost. But often one and the same writer is contradictory in his reaction to one and the same piece. Pope's tone, speaking of Paradise Lost, alternated between reverence and sarcasm. So did Voltaire's. The great French writer once declared that "Paradise Lost is the only poem wherein are to be found in a perfect degree that uniformity which satisfies the mind and that variety which pleases the imagination"; yet in his Candide he cruelly ridiculed the poem as "a long commentary on the first chapter of Genesis in ten books of harsh verse." Macaulay has been one of the few critics who found always, and an equally great, pleasure in all of Milton's writings. For him, L'Allegro and Il Penseroso "differ from other poems as attar of roses differs from ordinary rose-water, the close packed essence from the thin diluted mixture"; and Milton's conception of love, in Paradise Lost, "unites all the voluptuousness of the Oriental harem, and all the gallantry of the chivalric tournament, with all the pure and quiet affection of an English fire-side." Macaulay had no doubts even about Paradise Regained. Though admitting his preference for the earlier epic, he was sure that "the superiority of the 'Paradise Lost' to the 'Paradise Regained' is not more decided than the superiority of the 'Paradise Regained' to every poem which has since made its appearance." But, then, Macaulay's literary criticisms, with all their marvelous rhetorical flourishes, are seldom taken at their face-value nowadays.

Milton has been declared an enigma, and this seems to excuse the fact that no safe approach has been found to his personality. Misunderstanding there has been plenty, and the constant comparisons to Homer, Virgil and Dante — a passion with many critics since Dryden's stanza on Milton and Addison's essay on Paradise Lost — do not help either. It is true that Milton himself invited the analogy, in his invocation to his Heavenly Muse, asking her help for his "adventurous song"

That with no middle flight intends to soar Above the Aeonian mount, while it pursues Things unattempted yet in prose or rhyme.

Philologists, of course, have carried the critics' metaphors into practical application. By persistent labors they have unearthed so many parallel passages in Milton's works and in those of the great Greek, Latin and Italian poets that one wonders what has been left as unquestionably Milton's own. Yet no amount of carefully exhumed derivations makes clearer the enigma — if there is any — of Milton's mind. Hazlitt, worth while even when given to unstinted admiration, was right when he wrote: "The fervour of Milton's imagination melts down and renders malleable, as in a furnace, the most contradictory materials. In reading his works, we feel ourselves under the influence of a mighty intellect, that the nearer it approaches to others, be-

comes more distinct from them. The quantity of art in him shows the strength of his genius: the weight of his intellectual obligations would have oppressed any other writer."

With all his borrowings from Homer, Milton's mind remained entirely different from Homer's. But who knows what Homer's mind was like? And how could a person be the similitude of another who lived thousands of years before him? Every person is a part of his age and can be understood only in the terms of that age. And because this is so, all parallelisms of Milton and the Greek and Latin poets of antiquity, and even Dante of the Middle Ages, are bound to be futile. They may yield results for a knowledge of his external development as an artist, but cannot give the main clues for the understanding of his deeper personality, of that self which determined also the essence of his art. The character of Milton, the man, must be firmly established before a clear view of his work as an artist can be attempted.

Edmond Scherer, the above quoted French critic, though insisting on the divergence of art and protestantism, tried to reason out Milton as belonging at once both to the Renaissance and the Reformation. "The whole character of his genius and of his work is explained by this double affiliation," he wrote. "He is a poet, not of the great creative age, but of that age's to-morrow, a morrow still possessed of spontaneity and conviction. Yet he is a didactic and theological poet, that is to say, the only kind of poet which it was possible for an English republican of the seventeenth century to be." A condescending and apologetic view, though the same writer suggested: "What a transition was that from the Renaissance to Puritanism! And yet the one sprang from the other, for Puritanism is but Protestantism in an acute form, and Protestantism itself is but the Renaissance carried into the sphere of religion and theology . . ."

Hyppolite Taine expressed the same idea, somewhat earlier and in a more generous form. "All Milton's genius," he thought, "springs from this: he carried the splendour of the Renaissance into the earnestness of the Reformation, the magnificence of Spenser into the severity of Calvin, and, with his family he found himself at the confluence of two civilizations which he combined." And again: "Placed by chance between two ages, Milton shares their two natures, like a stream which, flowing between two different soils, is tinged by the hues of both . . . He receives from the closing age the free poetic afflatus, and from the opening age the severe political religion. He employed the one in the service of the other, and displayed the old inspiration in new subjects."

But were the new subjects — religion and liberty — so utterly alien to the Renaissance? There is undoubtedly a conception of the Renaissance which tries to limit it to the re-birth of the arts and literature of antiquity. Such a conception, however, would leave out of account the very greatest artists — Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci among them. The Renaissance did not consist in the mere copying of the works of classical art and learning; there were new forces in action, besides, and these forces were originated in the age of the Renaissance itself. They occurred in varying degrees in the different countries, but religion, which meant Christianity, and freedom, which meant liberation from feudalism, were prominent among them every-

where. In England, religion seemed first to exert the least influence; such was the intoxication of the political resurrection of Elizabethan England that people's metaphysical beliefs did not appear to matter much. But this is an incomplete view of the English Renaissance. For in England the Reformation even preceded the Renaissance — Wyclif, after all, had preached two hundred years before Calvin's time. In the age of Elizabeth religion suffered a temporary eclipse, but once the entrancement with this world's delights was over the underlying religiousness of the English mind was bound to re-assert itself. It was exactly this that happened, with a vengeance, and produced Puritanism.

Of course, it would be difficult to think of the innumerable Presbyterian, Independent, and Anabaptist divines as the upholders of the English Renaissance, and Milton in his own endless animadversions against prelacy and church-government came perilously near to them. To urge that he never was a sectarian and never went to church is useless, because he surely believed in the literal interpretation of the Bible and even his heresies — though he protested against the word — followed from his complete and unquestioning acceptance of the Bible. Yet in a man of genius it is the force that counts and not the form which that force occasionally takes. That same religious emotion which compelled Milton to pour out his controversial tracts produced also his Paradise Lost.

For Puritanism may not be compatible with great art, but religion is. One is almost tempted to say that it is indispensable for it — if the example of Shakespeare and the whole Elizabethan literature would not remind one of the contrary. But Shakespeare and the Elizabethans were the exceptions rather than the rule. Most of the great artists of the Renaissance — in Italy, Spain, Germany, and elsewhere — were deeply religious. Even Leonardo, perhaps the most independent mind of his age, was, at least on his death-bed, a believer; and El Greco, probably all his life, a fanatic. It is perniciously untrue, therefore, to exclude religion from the conception of the Renaissance. Milton was passionately religious, and yet Paradise Lost is as much a work of the English Renaissance as is the Last Judgment in the Sistine Chapel a work of the Italian.

#### VII

The analogy, indeed, is not accidental. If one wishes to find a parallel for Milton, one has to remain within the Renaissance, and of all the great figures of the Renaissance there is no one who bears a greater resemblance to him than Michelangelo. One was a poet and the other a sculptor, painter, architect, though also a poet. Milton, who lived at Florence and Rome and visited the Medici Chapel and the Vatican, never mentioned in any of his writings Michelangelo's name, whereas he often quoted Homer and Aeschylus, Virgil and Horace. And yet there was more similarity between him and Michelangelo than ever can be proved, with all the hundreds of identical lines, between him and any of the great classic poets.

If one would have to decide on a single word for the characterisation of Milton, one would in all probability choose the word *grandeur* — the quality that more than anything else distinguishes Michelangelo. Both worked in the

grand style, and there is no other English poet, or any other modern poet, who succeeded so consistently in maintaining this lofty elevation as Milton. Johnson called his language, in Butler's derogatory phrase, "a Babylonish dialect," mening that it was a pedantic and affected mixture of many idioms. But Milton's language was Babylonian in a different sense; it was Babylonian in its magnitude, reminding us of a vanished race of man, greater than we. No one else could speak this language without making it sound ridiculous. Michelangelo, too, reached the limit of the sublime. It took his genius to fill his superhuman forms with life; after him inevitably came the decadence — Bernini, Ammanati, and the empty pomp of the Baroque. For with Milton and Michelangelo grandeur was not merely a question of expression; their imagination was sublime. The host of angels, good and bad, in *Paradise Lost* were born from the same tremendous creative frenzy as the prophets and sybils and other mighty creatures on the ceilings and walls of the Sistine Chapel.

This does not mean that Milton was as great an artist as Michelangelo; for he was not. Michelangelo was supreme in so many fields, and during his long life he accomplished so much, that, with the exception of Shakespeare and Leonardo da Vinci, he hardly has his equal. But — if there is any possibility for measuring poetry against the plastic arts — one may say with confidence that the first two books of *Paradise Lost*, and many more passages in the epic as well as in Milton's other works from *Comus* to *Samson Agonistes*, stand comparison with the work of Michelangelo.

This does not amount to saying either that Milton was influenced by Michelangelo — though it would be singular if his visits to the Medici Chapel and the Vatican had not made any impressions upon the poet. It may indeed be argued that the conception of the Messiah in the sixth book of Paradise Lost has a striking resemblance to Christ the Avenger in Michelangelo's Last Judgment; but the question of direct influence is less important than the similarity of mind manifested in their works.

Of course, the existence of this similarity should not be pursued to the extreme. Michelangelo, unquestionably, was a more detached artist than Milton. He was primarily an artist, whereas Milton was an artist more in the sense of the Hebrew prophets. Yet no one who is acquainted with Michelangelo's life and knows how deep an impression Savonarola left upon it, or remembers only his sonnet to the Cross, can think that religious art was merely a conventional form with him.

Now the curious thing is that from the immense literature on Milton the name of Michelangelo is altogether absent. Critics and philologists have ransacked the whole literature of antiquity for comparisons, but they have never looked for his kind in the age to which he belongs — in the Renaissance. The one pertinent parallel between the poet and the artist came from the other side. John Addington Symonds in his Life of Michelangelo made a reference to Milton, balancing Michelangelo's later manner with that of Milton in Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes. "Both of these great artists in old age exaggerate the defects of their qualities." he wrote. "The generous wine of the Bacchus and of Comus, so intoxicating in its newness, the same wine in the Sistine Chapel and Paradise Lost, so overwhelming in its mature strength, has acquired an austere aridity . . ." The writer of this article has found only

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two other such references — and even those, he may be allowed to state here, after these notes had been on paper. Alexander S. Twombly published in 1896 a book called *The Masterpieces of Michelangelo and Milton*, but beyond the title and a few lines of the preface the two essays of which the volume consists have nothing to do with each other. A more serious effort to establish the influence of the *Last Judgment* upon *Paradise Lost* was made by Alden Sampson in a short chapter of his *Studies of Milton*.

During the last fifteen years there has been among American scholars a complete revival of interest in Milton. In the various philological journals scores of articles, notes and comments have appeared about him. Allen H. Gilbert, James Holly Hanford, Raymond Dexter Havens are among the most earnest students of the poet, and in their views of Milton there is a salutary change: they regard him now, emphatically, as a man of the Renaissance.

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# Ten Books

Having visited three-quarters of the earth. Count Hermann Kevserling finally came to South America; his latest book, South American Meditations [4465.373], is the result of this trip. The South American continent has had a profound effect upon the Count. have come not to teach, but to learn," were his first words on reaching the Argentine — in marked contrast to his statement made a few years ago on his arrival in New York. The change was due to the fact that through his stay in the highlands of Peru and Bolivia Count Keyserling had discovered a new aspect of his personality; in his own words, "his Minerality awoke and reached his consciousness." For the world which he found was a strange one -- something like that of the Third Day of Creation; that state of affairs when the earth was still "without form and void." In South America life is still in the process of primary becoming, revealing man's connection with the earth. "South America has given me far more than India and China,' the German author writes. "The Chinese as well as the Hindu is closely akin to me, for he, too, lives from out of Spirit . . . But the South American is entirely and absolutely Man of the Earth. He embodies the polar opposite of the man conditioned and permeated by Spirit . . . I gained a novel perspective with regard to reality: the perspective from the point of view of Earth." this, one should not be surprised, did not happen without accompanying bodily changes. Stricken by the disease of "puna," at first the Count found himself at the point of actual disintegration: he saw visions, and heard strange melodies. But finally he developed some specific organs which adapted him to his new identity. The

meditations of the latest incarnation of Count Keyserling are on death, life, fear, courage, honor, hunger, war subjects on which he had much to say in some of his earlier existences. So the old identity of the Count has not altogether disappeared; but in the mixing of philosophy, psychology, history, ethnology and what not, of which his works are composed, there is a perceptible change; there is less paradox and a more generous dose of mysticism. Paradox and mysticism apparently do not go together; the Count, after the witticisms of the last few years, has returned to his former "serious" manner, which first earned for him the fame of a philosopher. And yet with all his vagaries and egotisms, Count Keyserling has a sensitiveness of perception and a boldness of association - in short, imagination - which gives interest, and a certain unique quality, to his work.

Who Are These French? is the title of the English translation of a German study of France [2619A.252] by Friedrich Sieburg. The title of the original is Gott in Frankreich and that of the French translation, Dieu — Est-Il Français? both of which express the nature of the book much better than the rather lame title selected for the American edition. Herr Sieburg states that he wrote the book for his own countrymen; but while addressing the Germans, he undoubtedly had numerous side glances at the French. The book is full of witty and incisive observations about the French ways of living and thinking; it is a psychological study such as only a man who has lived long in Paris could write. There is much in the book which could genuinely flatter - and was calculated to flatter - the French; but after all the lyrical

passages about the beautiful "sunset glow" that France is, and after the paeans about French cooking, orderliness and individual freedom, the author is frank about the fact that he regards France as a danger to modern life. "France cannot read the signs of the times," he writes. "She feels her cultural supremacy tottering, sees that the nations have long escaped from her leading-strings, and believes that her national ideals are at stake." But what is really at stake - according to the author — is the peace of Europe, for "France is today the greatest obstacle to the cooperation of the nations."

The richly illustrated volume Rembrandt [\*4106.07-108] by Arthur M. Hind contains the substance of the author's Charles Eliot Norton lectures delivered at Harvard during 1930-1931. In the introductory chapter on Rembrandt's life and work the author emphasises the importance of studying the master's etchings as thoroughly as his paintings; "for in the paintings," Mr. Hind writes, "there are periods when he was doing little but portrait commissions or portrait studies; while in his etchings he continued throughout life to give play to his inventive genius in every kind of subject." In regard to Rembrandt's subject matter, the author remarks that he was evidently no scholar; the only books specified by name in the inventory of his belongings, made for the sale of 1658, were a German edition of Josephus, and an old Bible. In using Bible stories as the basis of his art Rembrandt went against the trend of his generation, for the majority of his Dutch contemporaries painted landscapes or social life. The more than one hundred illustrations include reproductions of seventeen works in American possession.

Blesséd Spinoza [3605.284] is a biography of the great Jewish philosopher by Lewis Browne, author of the widely known book "This Believing World." The present volume is more than what the author calls "the life-story of a

good man"; it is, in its first chapters, an authoritative study of Jewish life in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. of the Maraños or forced converts in Spain and Portugal, and of the colony of the Tewish exiles and their descendants in Amsterdam. Baruch Spinoza was reared in this Amsterdam ghetto, and became an exemplary student of the Bible, Commentaries, Talmud, and the mystical Kabala. But endowed with "inordinate astuteness" he began to doubt the Orthodox teaching, and in his studies of the Scriptures he anticipated modern Biblical criticism. His studying with the Ex-Jesuit Van den Ende, a pronounced free-thinker, scandalised the Jewish community, which finally excommunicated him. "One passion consumed him," Mr. Browne writes, "to discover 'a new principle' which could make life really worth living." The second part of the book traces the pursuit of this principle and the development of Spinoza's philosophy, as well as his relations to other thinkers of his day.

In Fads and Quackery in Healing Dr. Morris Fishbein, the well-known exposer of medical frauds and follies, gives a panoramic view of the medical quackery prevalent in Europe, but especially in America. Beginning with Franz Anton Mesmer, the founder of animal magnetism, and Elisha Perkins. the inventor of rods with remarkable healing powers, the author leads to the rise of homeopathy, osteopathy, chiropractic, naturopathy and what not. Couéism. Abramsism. New Thought - and even the Emmanuel Movement in Boston — come in in due course to take their part in the picture. The author does not favor excessive "physical culture" and the preponderance of "the big muscle boys." He also writes with great authority on the enormous beauty culture industry in the United States. Dr. Steinach's rejuvenation theory, psychoanalysis, and the various diet fads are only a few others of the innumerable subjects which Dr. Fishbein exposes or criticises in his book. -The call-number is 3729.143.

Paul de Kruif has published a volume similar to his former, highly successful book "Microbe Hunters." new work, Men against Death, he offers studies of twelve medical scientists, chiefly bacteriologists. Most of the discoveries recorded in the volume were made in the present century; a large proportion of them, in the 1920s. The accounts, written in the author's racy; dramatic style, are most fascinating. He begins with Dr Semmelweiss, the Hungarian physician, who in a Vienna maternity hospital discovered that the infection carried by the attending doctors was the cause of childbed fever. Then follow the Canadian Dr. Banting, who discovered Insulin which cures diabetis, and the Bostonian Dr. George R. Minot, who saved his patients suffering from pernicious anemia by feeding them on liver; R. R. Spencer, who traced the Rocky Mountain fever to ticks that suck the blood of goats; Alice C. Evans, who found that the bacterium abortum in milk resembled the Malta fever microbe. The achievements of McCov, Fritz Schaudinn, Wagner-Jauregg, and of the discoverers of the benefit of sun-light are all presented with authority and vividness. - The call-number of the volume is 3738.140.

When a few years ago it was suggested to Ernest Newman, the English music critic, to write a Life of Berlioz, he declined because he believed that the composer's own memoirs could not be improved upon. Instead, Mr. Newman has newly edited the Memoirs of Hector Berlioz [4048.87], revising and vitalizing the previous English translation by Rachel and Eleanor Holmes, and adding notes of his own to elucidate inconsistencies and fill up the gaps in the narrative. The memoirs extend from the composer's birth in 1803 to 1865, four years before his death, and include his studies in Italy and his concert tours in Germany, Russia, Austria, Hungary, and England. No more fascinating commentary on the musical life of the time can be imagined than these frank records of the opinions of the French romantic composer, who suffered from misunderstanding and hostility in Paris and was obliged to support himself by musical journalism. Yet, in spite of the frequent bitter outbursts, there is a vein of good humor running through the memoirs.

"I don't see why," Mary Austin writes in her autobiography Earth Horizon [2344.284], "it should be so much the literary mode jut now to pretend that ideas are not intrinsically exciting and that one's own life isn't interesting to one's self." There is no doubt that the author's life was interesting to her and that, in a remarkably objective and candid way she has succeeded in making its story intensely interesting to others. The account of her childhood in a small town in Illinois; her early precocious reading; her reaction to the rigorous, exacting life of the 1870s and 80s; her experiences at the State Normal School and at Blackburn College — is essentially an account of the growth of the author's social and feminist ideas. Her youth and early married life were hard; but in the face of adverse circumstances she turned to writing. With "The Land of Little Rain," began that long impressive list of novels, descriptive works and essays which have established Mrs. Austin among the foremost interpreters of American life. The latter part of the book includes reminiscences of her relations with other writers and artists, with Jack London, Ambrose Bierce, Willa Cather, Amy Lowell, Sinclair Lewis, and Diego Rivera among them; and it ends with an account of her present life in New Mexico.

God's Gold [9332.01A23] by John T. Flynn is a full-length biography of John D. Rockefeller, from his child-hood days at Oswego, Ohio, and his beginnings at Cleveland to his present golf-playing days in Florida. But the book is even more important as the story of the rise of American business. At the time when John D. Rockefeller began his career as produce commis-

sion merchant, the policy of laissezfaire and free competition were prevalent. It was in 1862, at a time when the rich oil wells in Pennsylvania were attracting a host of enterprises, that Rockefeller entered the oil business. This was the beginning of that revolutionary course of combination, of buying up other oil refineries, of demanding and receiving rebates and "drawbacks" from the railroads — in short, of controlling the whole oil industry — which astounded and eventually scandalised the public. Twenty years later, the first trust — the Standard Oil Trust Company — was founded and in 1890 the so-called Sherman antitrust bill was enacted. The author sees Rockefeller in relation to his time and to his fellow business-men such as James Stillman, H. H. Rogers, Jay Gould and others. The story of the official investigations into the activities of the indicted magnates makes an amusing chapters. Pitiless in his business practices, Rockefeller in his private life was a devout Baptist and a Bible-Class teacher. Like most of the powerful financiers of his time, he ingenuously reconciled his sharp business dealings with his rôle as a benefactor of his church. "The good Lord gave me my money," Rockefeller was known to say, and he honestly believed his millions to be God's Gold.

The Life of Andrew Carnegie, in two volumes [9332.01A25], gives a sympathetic account of the character and career of the financier — one of the earliest examples of that strange combination of ruthlessness and generosity. For Carnegie was not only a millionaire, "the second richest man" in the world; a friend and correspondent of Herbert Spencer, he was also a great humanitarian. The slogan about "the disgrace of dying rich" may have originated in a mistaken reading of one of his articles,

yet the germ of the idea was undoubtedly in the mind of the industrial magnate, who before he died dispensed over three hundred million dollars for philanthropic purposes. Andrew Carnegie, the donor of hundreds of library buildings, was an idealist — a man of "sweetness and light," whose friendship with Mathew Arnold was by no means accidental. He was also a promoter of scientific research through the Carnegie Institution and through gifts to Koch and Mme. Curie: and in addition, a peace enthusiast and a lover of Burns and Shakespeare . . . Mr. Burton J. Hendrick, the author of the biography, has done his work with skill and sympathy. In the first chapters he pictures Carnegie's childhood at Dunfermline, Scotland, with his father, a weaver, who was deprived of his livelihood when factories displaced the hand loom. After the family had emigrated to Pennsylvania, the young Scotch boy was obliged to work hard in a bobbin factory, and later as messenger boy and telegrapher, until, at about twenty, he had the chance to show his ability, and his almost incredibly rapid advancement began. "Quickness of decision, assertiveness, absolute confidence in himself." the biographer thinks, were the traits that made Carnegie invariably succeed. At the age of thirty he had the direct oversight of four large concerns, besides numerous outside interests. In 1872 his meeting with Henry Bessemer, the inventor of the process of converting iron into steel, determined the future of the financier. "The day of iron is passed, Steel is King!" he declared. Informative and absorbing is the story of the various stages of the Carnegie Steel Company which was finally sold to Morgan in 1901. But Carnegie was never a hard worker "in the grindstone sense," and spent half

# Library Notes

Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell was on November 8th appointed by His Honor Mayor James M. Curley to be a Trustee of the Boston Public Library. In accepting this appointment as Trustee, Cardinal O'Connell takes the place of Monsignor Arthur T. Connolly. Monsignor Connolly served for sixteen years on the Board and now relinquishes service because of failing health.

All the first and other rare editions of Milton's works in the Library, described in the last and present issue of More Books, have been placed on view in the Treasure Room of the Library. Visitors are welcome.

The manuscript of the first book of Paradise Lost, used by the printer in setting up his type for the first edition, is now in the J. Pierpont Morgan Library in New York. The rest of the

manuscript is lost.

A description of the manuscript, with a complete reproduction of it in facsimile, has recently been published by the Clarendon Press at Oxford under the editorial care of Helen Darbishire. The volume [2562.48] contains exhaustive information about the origin and fortunes of the manuscript as well as about the peculiarities of its pronunciation and spelling. That the manuscript is identical with the one used by the printer was attested as early as 1732 by Jacob Tonson. The copy was preserved "onely upon account of the License written before it," the publisher wrote. He acquired the manuscript from the earlier printers of the poem together with its copy-rights.

The manuscript comprises in its present state nineteen leaves. The text is written in a careful, even script of a mixed character. The name of the scribe is not known. Corrections have been made in ink of various tones on almost every page of the manuscript, some by the scribe himself, others by different hands. Miss Darbishire believes that behind the greater number of the corrections there is a single mind at work, and that mind is Milton's.

"I imagine," she writes, "that he got his amanuensis or friendly corrector to read aloud the poem to him, stopped him whenever a doubtful word occurred, and dictated the spelling that he wished: and that he did the same with the punctuation. But we cannot rule out the possibility that one or other of these people, with the manuscript in his hand, introduced an alteration where he thought it necessary,

Milton's first aim was to spell according to the sound. He discarded the etymological spelling when it was at variance with the pronunciation he favored. At the same time, he depended on spelling to ensure the right metrical reading. The punctuation of the manuscript is painstaking, yet it has the usual lapses: the scribe often fails to insert a comma, sometimes a full stop, especially at the end of the line. Numerous corrections have been

made also in this respect.

without Milton's authority."

To the question, whether the manuscript supports the authority of the first edition over the second, or of the second edition over the first, the manuscript — according to Miss Darbishire — does not give a decisive answer. She believes, however, that "a wise editor of Paradise Lost will prepare himself for his task by an intimate study of the manuscript of Book I, side by side with the first two printed texts . . . He will base his text upon the second edition, since it embodies the author's latest corrections, but he will purge it of minor errors by a careful collation with the first, and, for the first book, with the manuscript . . ."

The highest price ever paid for a copy of Comus was the one paid at the Clawson sale in May, 1926. The volume there realized \$21,500.

At the Clawson sale a copy of the Poems, 1645, sold for \$2,700. years later, at the Kern sale, where the prices reached unprecedented heights, for the same copy of the *Poems* \$6.700 was paid. \*\*

In connection with our study of the Milton collection of the Library, it is of interest to state here that the largest collection of Miltoniana is in the Harvard College Library. The one serious rival of this collection is that in the British Museum.

In an article published in the Harvard Alumni Bulletin for April 20, 1925 - and reprinted in parts in Harvard Library Notes for September, 1925 -Professor Francis P. Magoun, Jr. gave an excellent account of the Harvard collection of Miltoniana. It was in the year of his writing that the Harvard Library acquired a copy of the first edition of Comus, the copy which once supposedly belonged to Ludlow Castle where the mask was first performed. Justa Edovardo King naufrago, the memorial volume in which Lycidas first appeared, and which next to Comus is the most valuable Milton item, the Harvard Library acquired in 1861, for the sum of \$42.50. Two years ago a copy of the volume was sold for £1,020.

Of unusual value is a copy of Pindar's Poems, a volume published in 1620, which once belonged to Milton. The book contains a large number of marginal annotations in the poet's hand, and at the back it has a manuscript index of proper names prepared by him. But the most interesting single item in the collection is the famous album kept by Camillo Cerdogni, a Neapolitan nobleman and Protestant refugee, who supported himself in Geneva by teaching Italian. It was here that Milton visited him. His entry stands by itself on a page. It reads:

> If Vertue feeble were Heaven itself would stoope to her

To this quotation of the last two lines from Comus is added this adaptation of a line from Horace:

Coelum non animum muto dum trans mare curro

The poet signed his name as "Johannes Miltonus Anglus." The date -June 10, 1639 — was added in another hand. The album as well as the copy of Pindar, together with other important items, was bequeathed to the College Library by Charles Sumner in

Of the numerous variants of the first edition of Paradise Lost the Harvard Library has perhaps the most complete set that exists in any Library. It is almost needless to say that Milton's prose-works also are unusually well represented. The latter works as well as copies of the first and second editions of the Poems — in all 108 items were presented to the College Library by the heirs of George Ticknor in 1885.

"In summing up the present state of the Harvard collection of Miltoniana," Professor Magoun wrote, "it will be illustrative to strike a comparison between our own collection and the collection exhibited in 1908 at Christ's College, Cambridge, arranged in celebration of the Tercentenary of Milton's birth. The items in this exhibition were got together from the libraries of twenty-one Cambridge Colleges, supplemented by loans from several private collections. Arranged chronologically according to date of publication, the assembled Miltoniana (up to the year 1700) totalled about 120 items; of these the Harvard Library has 102, including all the real rarities, plus a few items not shown at the Tercentenary Exhibition."

Since 1925, when Professor Magoun's account was written, a number of valuable items have been added to the col-

lection.

The bibliography of the first edition of Paradise Lost presents a very complicated problem, due to the fact that the text, once printed, was issued in small lots over a period of three years. David Masson, W. T. Lowndes, Wynne Baxter, A. W. Pollard, and several others have their own differing lists. Miss Mildred M. Tucker of the Harvard College Library has made an exceedingly careful study of the subject. Her findings are printed on the catalogue cards of the respective items in Harvard College Library.

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Portraits of New England Birds by Louis Agassiz Fuertes and Allan Brooks is a folio volume published by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These full-page, colored pictures of bird life are reproduced from the illustrations in "Birds of Massachusetts and other New England States" by the late Edward Howe Forbush, Director of the Division of Ornithology of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture.

"Louis Agassiz Fuertes, who painted sixty-eight of the plates used in 'Birds of Massachusetts,'" Mr. Arthur W. Gilbert, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, writes in the Foreword. "is generally considered the greatest painter of birds this country has produced." After Mr. Fuertes's death in 1927 the series was completed by Major Allan Brooks.

These charming pictures, almost all of which show birds in groups, are distinguished for fidelity and minuteness of detail. Some of the birds — like the Eastern Red Wing, the Purple Grackle, the Goldfinch, and the scarlet Eastern Cardinal and Tanagers — have beautiful brilliant coloring, even though they belong to the north. — The call-number is \*4092.03-101.

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In The Second Common Reader, the second collection of her critical and

biographical essays, Virginia Woolf writes in an essay entitled "How should one read a Book?":

"It is simple enough to say that since books have classes — fiction, biography, poetry — we should separate them and take from each what it is right that each should give us. Yet few people ask from books what books can give us. Most commonly we come to books with blurred and divided minds, asking of fiction that it shall be true, of poetry that it shall be false, of biography that it shall be flattering, of history that it shall enforce our own prejudices. If we could banish all such preconceptions when we read, that would be an admirable beginning. Do not dictate to your author; try to become him. Be his fellow-worker and accomplice. If you hang back, and reserve and criticise at first, you are preventing yourself from getting the fullest possible value from what you read . . ." - The call-number of the volume is 4556:176.

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Hugh Thomson [\*8143.03-115], by M. H. Spielmann and Walter Jerrold, is a detailed, friendly biography of the British illustrator. Hugh Thomson (1860-1920), a native of Ireland, began his career in 1877, when he exchanged his work in the linen business with that of designing for a colour-printing firm in Belfast. At the close of 1883 he moved to London, where for five years he was on the staff of the "English Illustrated Magazine," and thereafter worked as a free lance artist with an Delicacy, a established reputation. certain quaintness and, above all, humor mark his illustrations for the novels of Jane Austen, Dickens, and Thackeray. The artist felt especially at home in the eighteenth century, as he showed by his illustrations to the Sir Roger de Coverley papers and "The Vicar of Wakefield." — The volume is abundantly illustrated.

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Coutts, John, and others. The complete book of gardening. London. [1931.] 768 pp.

3999-535 Lamond, Henry G. Horns and hooves, handling stock in Australia. London. 1931. ix, 213 pp. Plates. 7998.163

Wilder, Louise Beebe. The fragrant path: a book about sweet scented flowers and leaves. New York. 1932. 407 pp. 3995.167

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Andrew, Margaret Lockwood. The complete book of parties. New York. 1932. xiii, 337 pp. Plates. 6009.373 About half of the book deals with children's parties.

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